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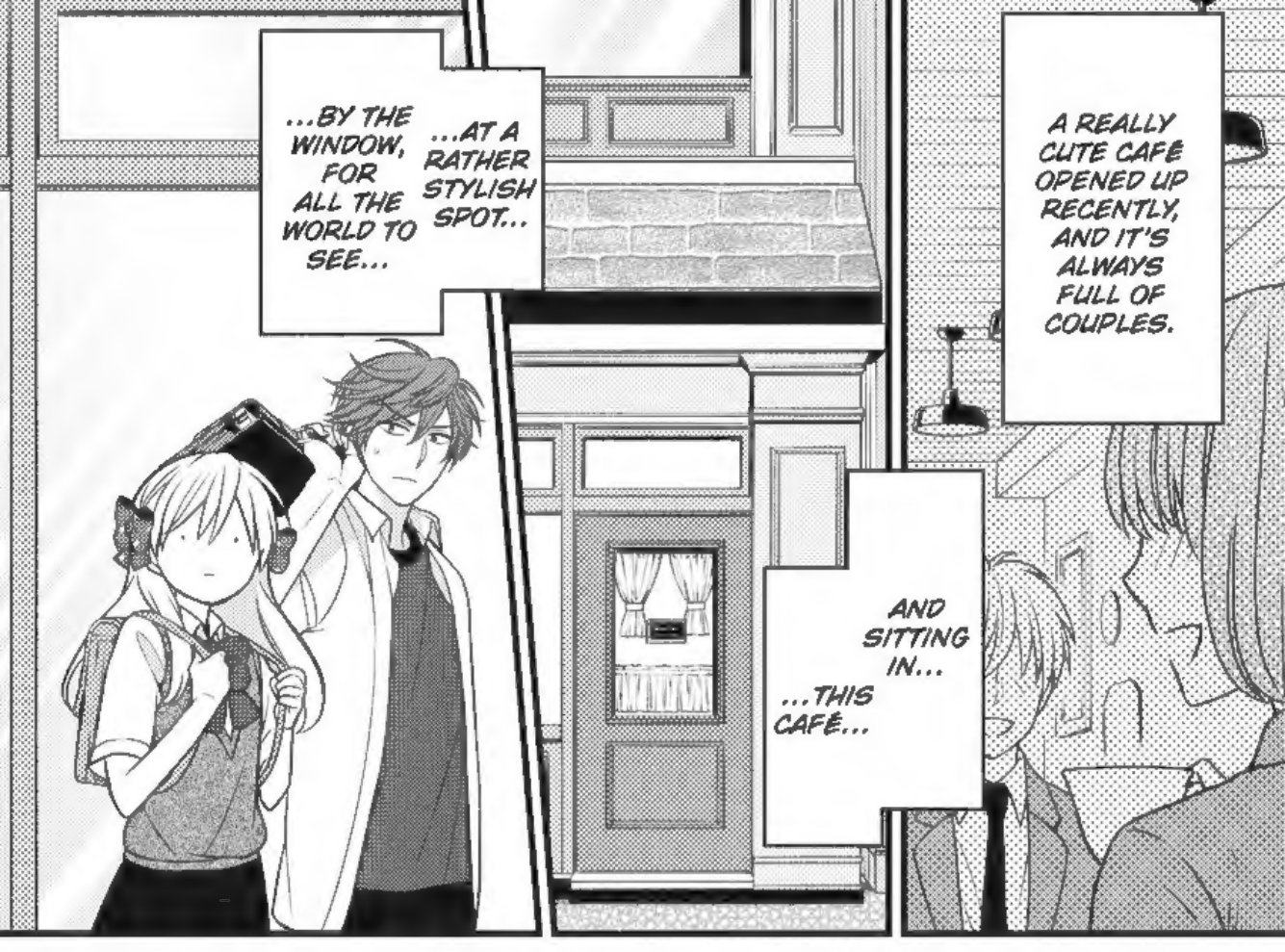
A REALLY CUTE CAFÉ OPENED UP RECENTLY, AND IT'S ALWAYS FULL OF COUPLES.
...AT A RATHER STYLISH SPOT...
...BY THE WINDOW, FOR ALL THE WORLD TO SEE...
AND SITTING IN...
...THIS CAFÉ...

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...WAS NOZAKI-KUN.

EQUALITY IS IMPORTANT

WHA—!!?
SEE, THE GUY I LIKE IS...!
TALKING ABOUT LOVE IN ISSUE 1
ドキッ
POK!
HUH?
COME TO THINK OF IT...
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU HAD SOMEONE YOU LIKED, SAKURA?

...YOU SHOULD SIT THIS ONE OUT.
IN THAT CASE...
NO, WAIT A SEC.
THERE'S A CHANCE HE COULD GET THE WRONG IDEA INSTEAD ...
I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU!!!
THAT SETTLES IT! YOU'RE PLAYING THE GIRLFRIEND!!!
ACTUALLY, THERE IS SOMEONE I LIKE!
DOES THIS ...MEAN HE'LL LET ME PLAY THE GIRLFRIEND IF I SAY I DO HAVE SOMEONE I LIKE ...!?
WHICH ONE DO I BET ON ...!!!?
WHICH ONE ...!?

I'M WILLING TO GO UP TO FIFTY THOU.
B
HYOKO
TEN THOUSAND ON "I DON'T."
TEN THOUSAND ON "I DO."
HYOKO (POP)
ME B
ME A
I- I DON'T REALLY HAVE... ANYONE ...
OKAY... WELL, THEN...
H-HMM ...
...BUT NOT LIKE THAT...
UMM... I DID SAY "BET"...

ALL RIIIIGHT!!
YIPPEE! WHOO-HOO!
!!!
YOU'LL BE THE GIRLFRIEND?
SO YOU'LL DO IT, THEN?

CAST AND SETTING

STONE: SAKURA FAMILY GRAVE

PET NAMES AND DISTANCE

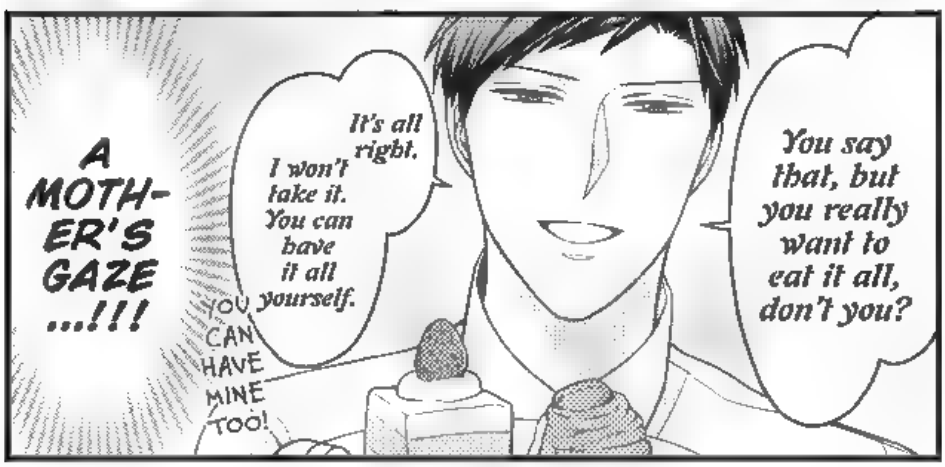
A STUPID CONVERSATION

CHIYO-CHAN'S DEVOTION

ACK!
THIS IS REALLY GOOD, MIKOTO-CHAN.
DON'T CALL ME THAT.
IN THE END, THE TWO GUYS SPLIT THEIR DES-SERTS.

I NEED HIM TO SEE ME AS HIS GIRLFRIEND!
WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME ...!!?
OH NO !!!
I'D RATHER HAVE THE CHESTNUT.
WANT MY STRAWBERRY!

DON'T WORRY! IT'S ALL RIGHT!
SAKU-RA...
BUT THAT'S YOURS ...
HUH ...?
LET'S SPLIT IT!!
NOZAKI-KUN, HERE!! HAVE SOME OF THIS TOO!!!


A MOTH-ER'S GAZE ...!!!
It's all right. I won't take it. You can have it all yourself.
YOU CAN HAVE MINE TOO!
You say that, but you really want to eat it all, don't you?

YOU KEEP SAYING THAT, BUT WHAT'S YOUR IDEAL ANYWAY, NOZAKI-KUN?
LET'S GET BACK TO BUSINESS.
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE HAVING THE IDEAL COUPLE'S CONVERSATION, BUT WE GOT OFF TRACK.
THIS IS BAD.
THAT'S REALLY HARD TO DO IN A NORMAL, EVERYDAY CONVERSATION...!!!
...SOMETHING THAT WOULD WORK AS A TWO-PAGE SPREAD...LIKE THIS...
HMM... LET'S SEE... FIRST, I WANT IT TO HAVE A BUILDUP OF SOME KIND AT LEAST.
...SO LET'S TALK WITH THAT IN MIND.
...TURNS OUT TO FORE-SHADOW LATER DEVELOP-MENTS.
EVEN SOMETHING THAT SEEMS POINTLESS AT FIRST...
YUMIKO!!
THE DEMON'S POWER IS OUT OF CONTROL! IT HURTS SO.....
YUMIKO'S BEEN REALLY DOWN LATELY.
OH!
I MEAN, THERE REALLY AREN'T ANY POINTLESS CONVERSA-TIONS IN MANGA...
OH, COME ONNN!
AH HA HA HA!!
KYA HA HA HA!

LET'S, Y'KNOW... TRY TAKING A MORE "HEAD OVER HEELS" APPROACH...
...OKAY?
SORRY.
I GUESS THAT WAS KIND OF HARD TO DO ...
YEAH, ALL RIGHT ...

!!!
IN THAT CASE ...!!!
THAT'S REALLY EASY!!
GABA (JUMP)
WHAT IF WE START BY TALKING ABOUT WHAT WE SEE IN EACH OTHER FIRST?
SO HERE WE GO.

THE THING I LIKE ABOUT YOU THAT NO ONE ELSE WOULD KNOW...
YEAH...
...IF YOU CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING, DON'T FORCE IT...
SAKU-RA...
SAKU-RA?
THAT'S REALLY ORDI-NARY...
YOU'RE KIND AND FUNNY...
...BUT THAT MAKES ME SOUND LIKE A SHALLOW WOMAN WHO ONLY CARES ABOUT APPEAR-ANCES.
YOU ARE TALL ...

AFTER GIVING IT ALL THAT THOUGHT, THAT'S THE BEST YOU COULD DO...!!?
SUPER-TOUGH
NOZAKI-KUN
I GUESS IT'S THAT YOUR LEGS DON'T FALL ASLEEP, EVEN WHEN YOU SIT ON YOUR KNEES FOR HOURS ON END...

PLENTY OF THINGS HE LIKES ♡
NO WAY ...!!! HE'S GONNA SAY WHAT HE LIKES ABOUT ME TOO...!?
!!!
OKAY, NOW IT'S MY TURN.
...AND THAT YOU'RE A HARD WORKER...
!!!
DOKI
ドキッ
!!!
HMM... WELL, I LIKE HOW MUCH EFFORT YOU PUT INTO THINGS ...
DOKI (BADUM)
ドキッ
...LIKE ALL THAT STUFF ABOUT ME...?
OMI-GOSH... NO WAY... YOU REALLY...
YOU'RE GUTSY.
NOZAKI-KUN...
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO PAS-SIONATE ...
...AND YOU ALWAYS GIVE IT YOUR ALL.
...HE JUST KEEPS SAYING SHE'S GOT BALLS ...!!!
AT THE END OF THE DAY...

AAAAAH!
I'M SO HAPPY I DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO SLEEP TONIGHT... ♡
TEE HEE!
HEH-HEH! HEE HEE HEE!
...ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T HAVE SOMEONE YOU LIKE?
ANY-WAY...

WHA—!?
MAYBE I SHOULD SAY SOME-THING TO MAKE HIM THINK A LITTLE HERE ...!?
IS THIS ...?
WELL, ACTU-ALLY...
...SHOULD I DITCH THE TRICKS ...?
OR ...
WHAT!? WHAT DO I DO ...!!?

LET'S STAY THE COURSE.
YOU SHOULD STICK WITH A SURE BET.
HYOKO (POP)
BEING ADVEN-TUROUS IS PRETTY ROMAN-TIC.
HOW ABOUT GOING FOR THE TRIFECTA?
UM...
THERE ISN'T ANYONE I LIKE.
OH, THIS ONE'S JUST AS BAD.
HONESTLY! WHY DO YOU HAVE A PAPER IN ONE HAND...!?

HALLELUJAH!!
!!!
SO WILL YOU HELP ME OUT IF I NEED A HAND AGAIN?

SURE! YOU BET! I'D LOVE TO HELP OUT!!
WHAT ABOUT TODAY?
DID YOU GET ANY GOOD IDEAS?
I THOUGHT UP SOMETHING SWEET!
YEAH. THANKS TO YOU.

WHAT COULD IT BE?
WHAT IS HE GOING TO USE?
IT'S KIND OF EMBARRASSING, BUT I'M EXCITED TO SEE...! ♡

じゃーん
JAAAN (TA-DAA)
THIS IS MY GUARDIAN SPIRIT!
SUZUKI-KUN...!!
NEXT TIME...
...I THINK I'LL GO WITH SOMETHING LIKE THIS!!
SO...
YEAH.

DON'T TAKE IT OUT ON ME!!!
FAREWELL, MIKOSHIBA-SAMA...
OF COURSE. "THE GUARDIAN SPIRIT WHOSE VOICE HE CAN'T HEAR" THING...

I WANNA TAKE THIS CHANCE TO HEAR NOZAKI-KUN SAY "CHIYO-CHAN" A WHOLE BUNCH!!!
NOZAKI-KUN!!!
ADD "CHIYO-CHAN" TO THE END OF YOUR SENTENCES!!!
THAT FEELS MORE LIKE A COUPLE THING!!
OH, OKAY.
GOT IT.
SO ...
... ABOUT MAMIKO AND SUZUKI IN THE NEXT CHAPTER ...
... CHIYO-CHAN.
... CHIYO-CHAN ... KATOU-KUN'S GONNA SHOW UP...
... CHIYO-CHAN ... AND FOR MAMI-KO...
THEN IT'LL TURN OUT KATOU-KUN IS REALLY, Y'KNOW ...
... CHIYO-CHAN.
EVERY-THING HE'S SAYING AND ALL THE "CHIYO-CHAN"S ARE GOING IN ONE EAR AND OUT THE OTHER...

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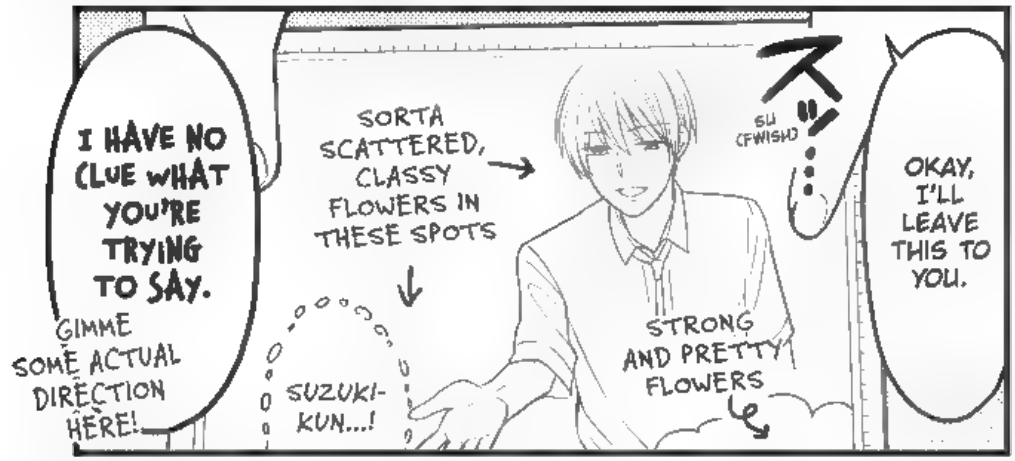
MIKO-SHIBA-SENPAI ...
...HOW DO YOU DRAW THOSE FLOWERS?
DO YOU JUST HAVE THEM ALL MEMO-RIZED?
OHHH. I LOOK AT THIS FIELD GUIDE WHEN I DRAW THEM.
HERE, TAKE A PEEK.

ONCE YOU GET USED TO WAKA-MATSU ...
...HE'S A PRETTY GOOD KOUHAI.
ESPE-CIALLY WHEN HE LOOKS AT ME WITH THOSE SHINING EYES...
HEH...
IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I JUST CAN'T LIE TO HIM...

SEN-PAI...
THERE ARE A TON OF GAMES AND DOLLS IN BATHING SUITS IN THAT BACK ROOM...
I THINK YOU CALL THEM "FIGURES" ...?
UM...
WHO DO THOSE ALL BELONG TO...?

NOZAKI'S LITTLE BROTHER.

STRANGE TIMING



ARGH ...!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY'RE MEETING NOW, OF ALL TIMES ...!!!
WE WENT TO THE SAME JUNIOR HIGH, RIGHT?
NICE TO MEET YOU!!
OHHH, SO YOU'RE ...
...SEN-PAI'S BROTH-ER?

MAYU'S LOOKING AT ME LIKE HE WANTS TO SAY SOME-THING ...!!!
CRAP ...!!!
.....
MIKOSHIBA'S COLLECTION ROOM
SO THAT MAKES YOU...
...THE OWNER OF THE STUFF IN THIS ROOM!

ALL RIGHT!!! HE GOT IT!!!
KOKU (NOD)
KOKU
JUST GO WITH IT...
...FOR NOW!
SORRY!
PA (FWIP)
PA
PA
PA
PA

NO, WE'RE NOT PLAYING CHARADES !!!
PA
PA
PA
PA
PA
?

THAT'S ONE OF MY FAVORITE DATING SIMS ...!!!
!!!
MIND IF I PLAY IT?
...I WAS ACTU-ALLY KIND OF INTER-ESTED IN THIS GAME.
UMM... SO ...

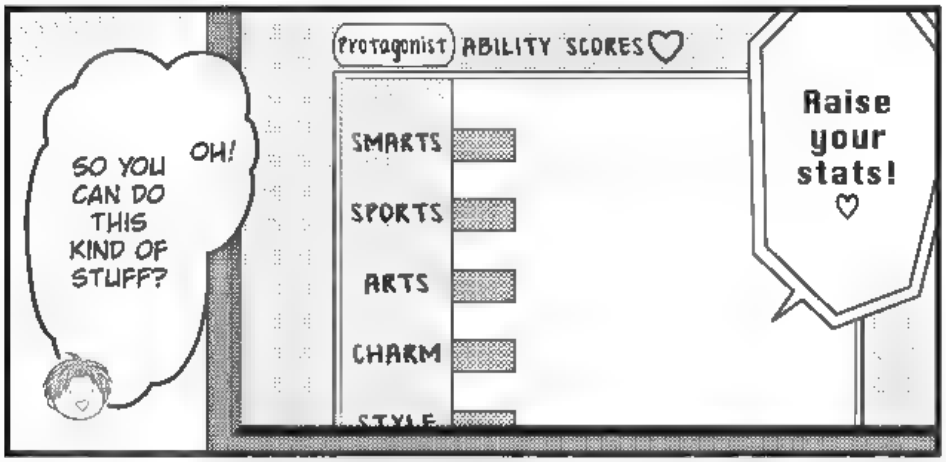
C'MON! DON'T JUST COPY ME!!!
SAY NO, MAYU !!!
I CAN'T HAVE A NORMIE LAUGHING AT ME!!!

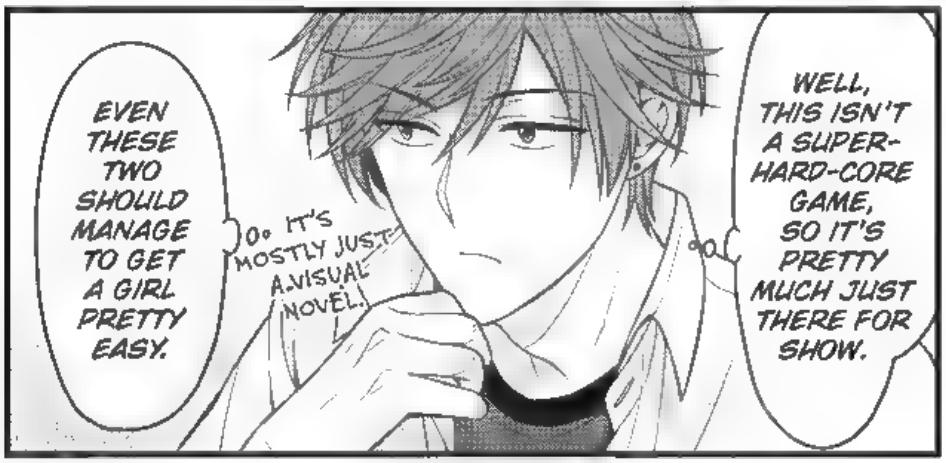
PLEASE LET MY HEART GET THROUGH TO HIM ...!!!
PLEASE !!!
PACHI (BLINK)
PACHI
I KNOW !!!
EYE CON-TACT ...!!!

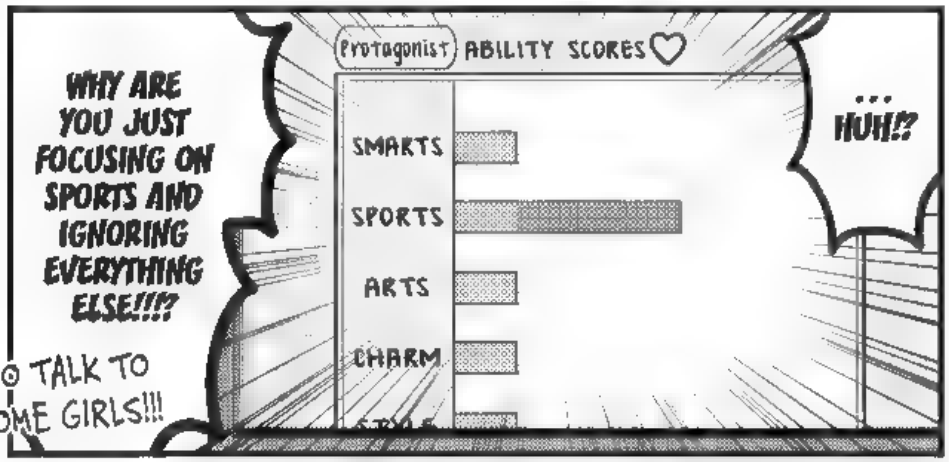
...WELL, YEAH, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT !!!
NO!
I RECOMMEND THIS GIRL WITH THE BIG BOOBS.
THE PURE AND INNOCENT BUSTY BABE.

A WEIRD CONVERSATION

IT'S EVEN GOT MINI GAMES

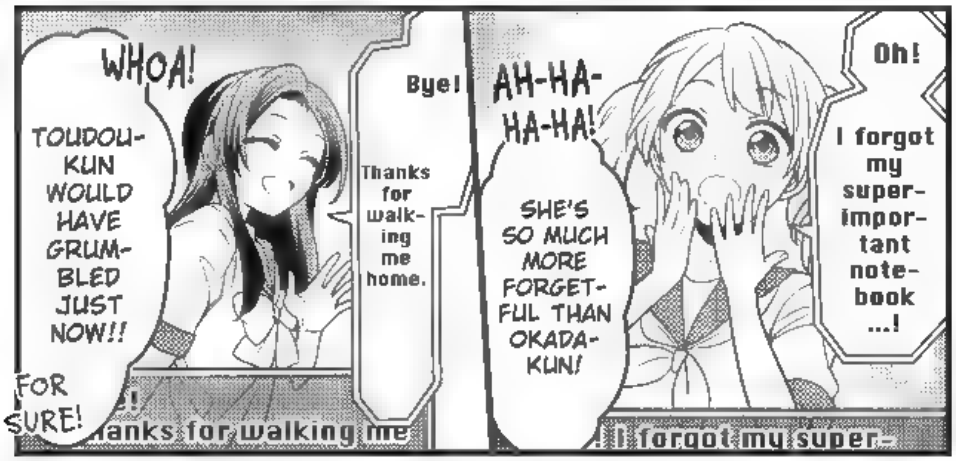






SERIOUSLY, WHY IS ALL OF YOUR BASIC KNOWLEDGE FROM AN OTOME GAME ...?
GOT IT!!
SO IT'S JUST LIKE GOING AFTER THE GUYS!
OH! OKAY!
ANYWAY, JUST FOCUS ON LANDING ONE GIRL ...

WELL, YEAH. SHE'S A GIRL...
WOOOW! IT'S A GIRL! SHE'S SO MUCH CUTER THAN KUJOU-KUN!
Hello! Nice to meet you! ♡
Hello!


WHOA!
TOUDOU-KUN WOULD HAVE GRUMBLED JUST NOW!!
FOR SURE!
Bye!
Thanks for walking me home.
AH-HA-HA-HA!
SHE'S SO MUCH MORE FORGETFUL THAN OKADA-KUN!
Oh!
I forgot my super-important notebook ...!
Thanks for walking me
I forgot my super-

YOU SOUND LIKE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED WITH YOUR EX...
Did you make it home all right? Not that I was worried or anything!
BUT HE WOULD'VE TEXTED ME LATER...

A SATISFYING CONCLUSION

HUH!?
UM...
BUT...
THAT'S JUST MESSED UP...
YOU SHOULD HAVE STOPPED HIM, WAKA-MATSU ...
HOW'D YOU GET THE BAD ENDING IN SUCH AN EASY GAME...?

WHY THE HELL DID YOU HAVE TO PLAY AN OTOME GAME FIRST...?
I'M HERE FOR YOU ...!!
SNAP OUT OF IT!
WA—
WHAT AM I DOING...?
...YOU HAVE TO DRIVE THEM TO THE EDGE AND BREAK THEM, DON'T YOU...?
...IN ORDER TO GET THE HAPPY ENDING ...

YOU REALLY DID CLEAR IT PROPERLY, DIDN'T YOU!?
DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!!
OH!
FOR REAL!!?
KACHI
KACHI (CLICK)
BUT...
...PLEASE DON'T WORRY, MIKOTO-SAN.

WHO CARES!!!?
SPORTS TOURNAMENT
WIN!!
WHOOOA!
WE WON THE TOURNA-MENT.

SO WHY'D YOU WANNA PLAY THIS GAME ANYWAY, WAKA-MATSU?
ERR ...
WELL, UH...
IT WAS THE GAME'S ART...

ONE OF THE GIRLS LOOKED A BIT LIKE SEO-SENPAI TO ME...
HEART-POUNDING RAINBOW PARADE
THIS ONE
HUH !?
OH!
YEAH !?
...I THOUGHT MAYBE IT COULD TEACH ME SOMETHING ABOUT HOW TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE LIKE HER...
AND ...
FOR REAL !?

GOTCHA... IT'S TRUE I HAVE SOME QUALITY GAMES...
THEY'D BE PERFECT AS REFERENCE MATERIALS...
HEH HEH HEH...
SO...
...DID YOU LEARN ANY-THING?
YES!!!

IF YOU GIVE GIRLS GIFTS...
...IT'S REALLY EASY TO GET CLOSER TO THEM!!!
I HAD NO IDEA!!
NOT LIKE THAT!
GUN (WHOOSH)
GUN
Thanks! I love it!♡
AFFECTION

I...
I GOTTA TEACH THEM RIGHT ...!!!
NO ...!!!
THEY DON'T GET WHAT MAKES DATING SIMS GREAT AT ALL...!!!

O—
OKAY !!!
...
JUST CRY YOUR EYES OUT!!!
I'LL PICK THE BEST STORY!
SO...
HEY, SIT YOUR BUTTS DOWN!!! YOU'RE GONNA WATCH ME PLAY!!!

...WAKA-MATSU ...!!!
...EVEN YOU'LL GET WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY...
ONCE YOU'RE DONE WATCHING IT ALL...
WELL, I'LL JUST SHOW THEM SOME-THING GOOD ...!!
OF EVERY-THING I'VE PLAYED SO FAR...

HE MUST HAVE A THING FOR BIG BREASTS ...
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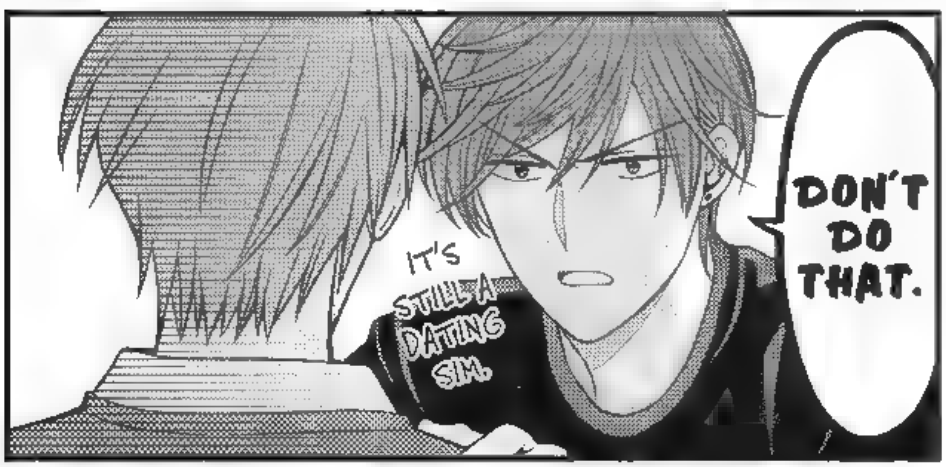
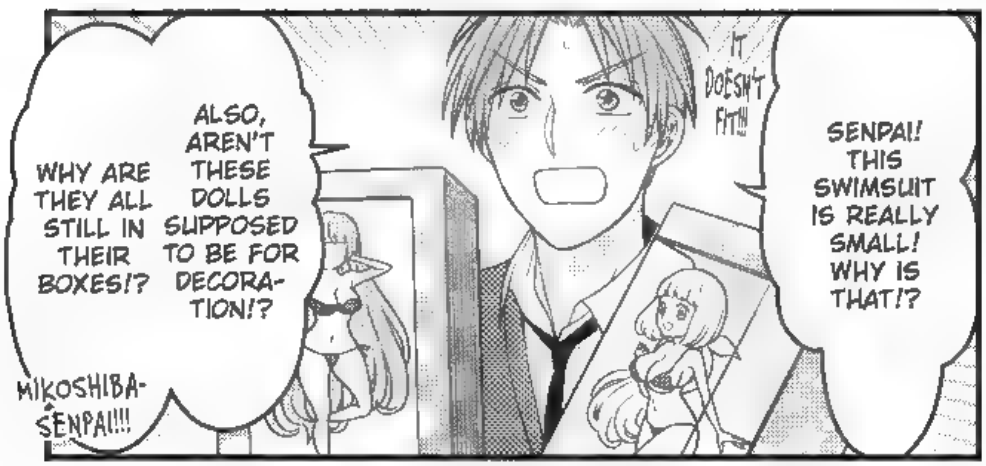
PRAISE AND REASON



SO AT THE END OF THE DAY ...
...WAKAMATSU REALLY IS A GOOD GUY.
INSTEAD OF JUDGING, HE OPENLY CRIED AT A DATING SIM.
HE'S DEFINITELY PURE OF HEART.

I'VE...
...DECIDED TO TELL HIM THAT THE STUFF IN THE BACK ROOM IS MINE.
WE'RE COMRADES NOW. THERE'S NO REASON TO HIDE ANYMORE.
RIGHT, WAKAMATSU ...?


SENPAI! THIS SWIMSUIT IS REALLY SMALL! WHY IS THAT!?
IT DOESN'T FIT!!!
ALSO, AREN'T THESE DOLLS SUPPOSED TO BE FOR DECORATION!?
WHY ARE THEY ALL STILL IN THEIR BOXES!?
MIKOSHIBA-SENPAI!!!

THOSE ...
...ARE MAYU'S.
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?

THE RANKING HE LEARNED WHILE AT NOZAKI'S

UGH ...!
THESE JERKS'RE TALKING ABOUT SOME-THING I JUST DON'T GET!!!
I CAN'T FOLLOW!
IT'S A THREE-POINTER FROM THIS LINE HERE...
WELL, UM...
WHAT ARE THE RULES OF BASKET-BALL AGAIN?
WAI (CHATTER)
WAI
IT'S ALL RIGHT. PLEASE JUST LEAVE IT TO ME.
NAH. I JUST CAN'T REMEM-BER STUFF LIKE THAT...
YOU TWO HAVE FUN...
DO YOU WANT TO JOIN US, MIKOTO-SAN?
BUT IT'S EASY TO UNDER-STAND!!!
DAMMIT ...!!!
THEY'RE USING MY PRECIOUS FIGURES FOR SOME-THING LIKE THIS ...!!!
AND IF MATSURI-SAN CUTS IN ON THAT...
IF YOU MAKE THE SHOT FROM HERE, WHERE MERU-SAN IS STANDING, IT'S THREE POINTS.

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YAAAY!
PACHI (CLAP)
PACHI
PACHI
...WE'RE GONNA HAVE A GIRLS' NIGHT AT THE SEO DIGS.
THE SEO RESIDENCE
...SINCE KASHIMA'S NEVER DONE A SLEEPOVER OR A GIRLS' NIGHT BEFORE...
SO, TODAY ...
TWO DAYS, ONE NIGHT AT THE SEO RESIDENCE (WEEKEND)

I'LL ASK SOMEONE WHO PROBABLY KNOWS ALL ABOUT THAT STUFF!
I KNOW!
OH!
GUEST
BEATS ME...
WHAT DO WE DO?
BUT I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT A GIRLS' NIGHT IS LIKE EITHER.

I BET SHE JUST WANTED ANY CHANCE SHE COULD GET TO TALK TO HIM. THAT'S A GIRL IN LOVE FOR YOU!
HA HA HA HA!
HUH? WHY NOZAKI?
WHY ASK HIM?
HELLO, NOZAKI-KUN?

COULD YOU KEEP IT SHORT AND JUST GIVE ME THE IMPORTANT PARTS?
UM...
YEAH ...
OKAY ...
UM, IS THIS GOING TO TAKE A WHILE ...?
OKAY ...
RIGHT ...

THE BOYISH ONE
A LITTLE BIT WILD!
THE CHEERFUL ONE
WAGGLING HER LEGS
THE GIRLIE ONE
FEMININE POSTURE♡
...EVERYONE LOUNGING AROUND IN THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL WAY...
IMAGE-WISE, IT'S KIND OF LIKE...
A SLEEP-OVER AND A GIRLS' NIGHT, HUH...?

LET'S GET TO IT, THEN.
OH.
I GOT IT!
HE SAID WE HAVE TO SIT AROUND IN OUR OWN INDI-VIDUAL POSES !!!

MOM TOLD ME TO BRING THIS UP...
HEY...
...YU-ZUKI!!!
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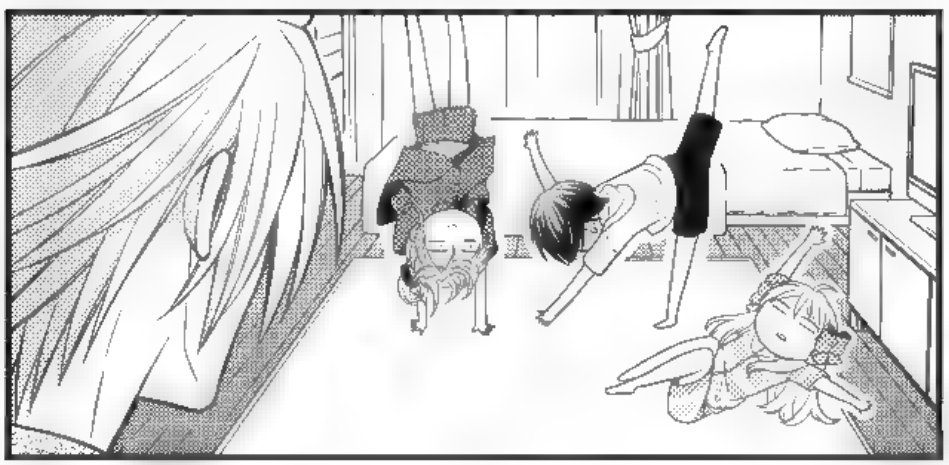
GACHA (KACHAK)

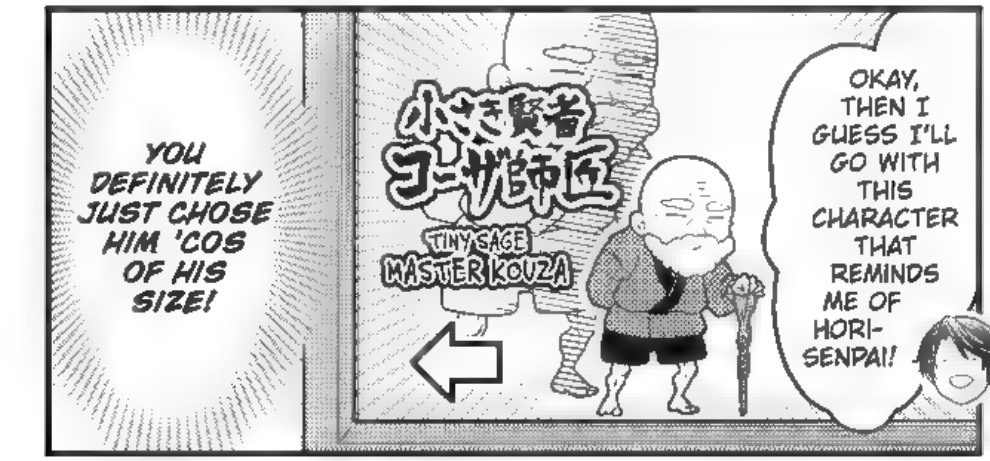


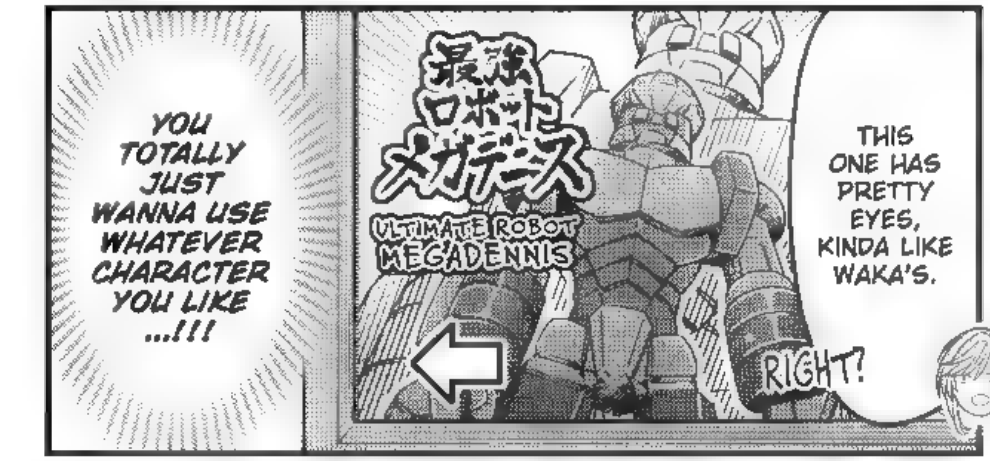
... FLOPPING DOWN ON YOUR FUTON AND EATING SNACKS.
AND THEN, THERE'S, Y'KNOW ...
GORON
GORON (ROLL)
GORON
GORON
WHAAAT? I WANNA GO!
I FOUND THE CUTEST LITTLE SHOP THE OTHER DAY!
LET'S ALL GO TOGETHER!
IT'S EVEN BETTER IF YOU HAVE A FUN CONVERSATION WHILE YOU'RE AT IT.
KOFF!
W-WATER ...
KOFF!
KOFF!
KOFF!
THE OTHER DAY, I FOUND A COOL STO—
KOFF!
KOFF!
KOFF!
YUZUKI, ARE YOU O—

A FAMILIAR SIGHT

TALKING WHILE WATCHING TV

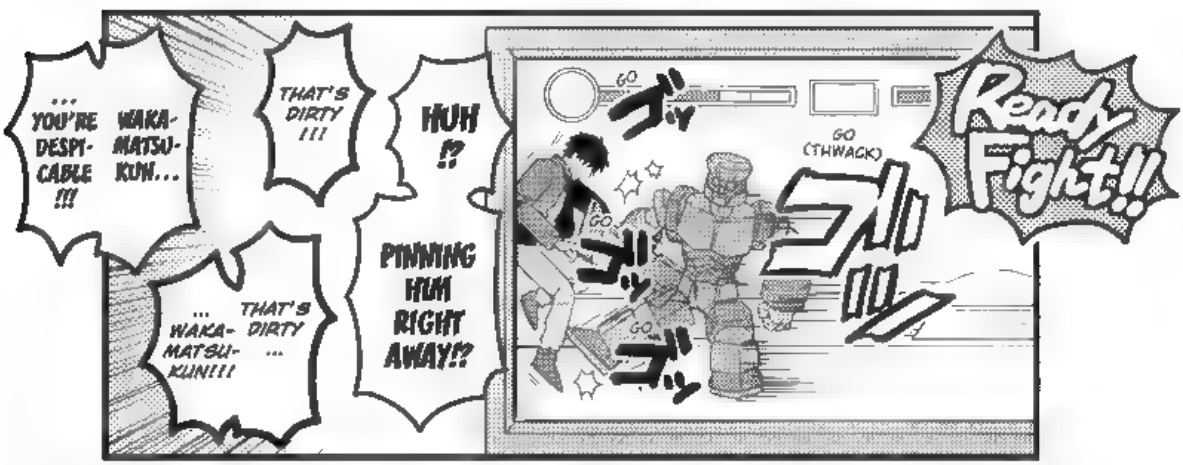
CHOOSING CHARACTERS





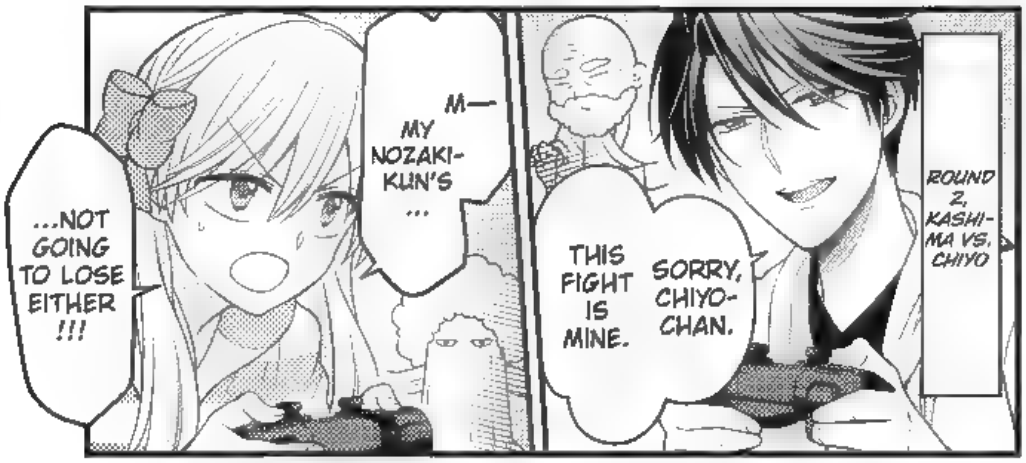
WHO'S THIS MIKOSHIBA-KUN?
HANDSOME FIGHTER RICHARD
OH.
SO YOU'RE GOING WITH MIKOSHIBA, RYOUSUKE-SAN?
DAMMIT! FINE. YOU AREN'T PICKING ANY GOOD CHARACTERS, SO I'LL USE THIS GUY!

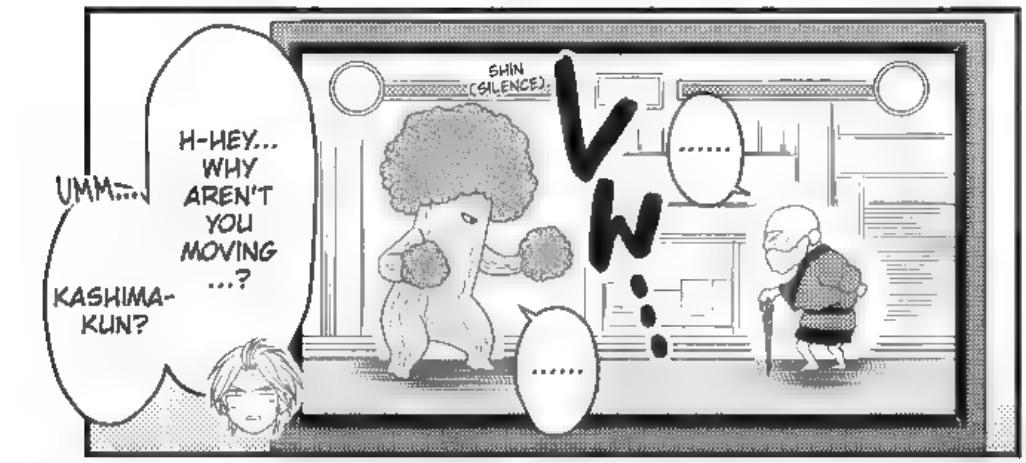
GOOD LUCK ON WAKAMATSU-KUN'S BEHALF, YUZUKI!
PIII (PWEEE)
GASHAAA (CLANK)
WE CAN'T LOSE THIS, WAKA!
I SEE. I SEE ...
SO THIS BATTLE IS GONNA BE WAKA VS. THE HOT GUY...


... YOU'RE DESPICABLE !!!
WAKAMATSU-KUN...
THAT'S DIRTY !!!
HUH !?
PINNING HIM RIGHT AWAY!?
... WAKAMATSU-KUN!!!
THAT'S DIRTY ...
GO
GO (THWACK)
Ready Fight!!

SEO-SENPAI ...?
Seo-senpai
I feel like I should say sorry.
PIRORIIN (JINGLE)
ピロリーン

THE DEGREE OF FAITHFULNESS

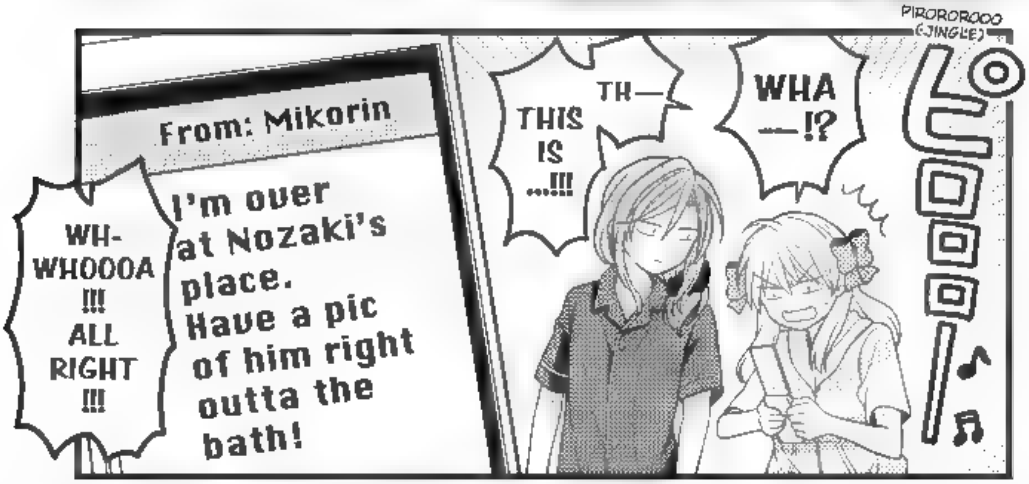




RATED CERO C—FIFTEEN AND UP

WHAT'VE YOU BEEN DOING OVER THERE, NOZAKI ...?
NOTHING...
SAKURA SAID THEY'RE HAVING A GIRLS' NIGHT, SO WE WERE DISCUSSING IT...
OHH.
A GIRLS' NIGHT, HUH?

OKAY, THEN I'LL SEND HER A PIC OF NOZAKI TO GET HER TALKING...
SU (FWISH)
GO AHEAD AND EAT YOUR HEART OUT!
NO FAAAAIR!
DAMN YOU, MIKORIN!!!


PIRORORODO (JINGLE)
WHA—!?
TH—
THIS IS ...!!!
From: Mikorin
I'm over at Nozaki's place. Have a pic of him right outta the bath!
WH-WHOOOA!!! ALL RIGHT!!!

PI (BEEP)
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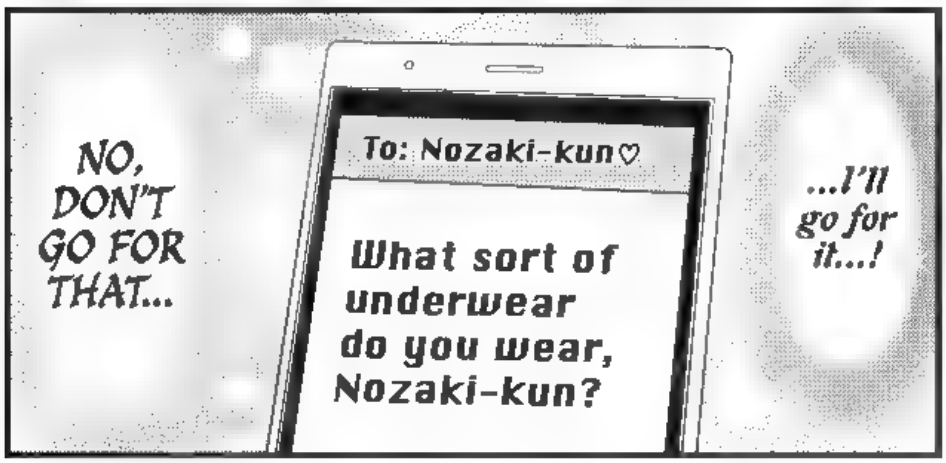
GIRI (GRIND)
DAMN YOU, MIKORIN ...!!!

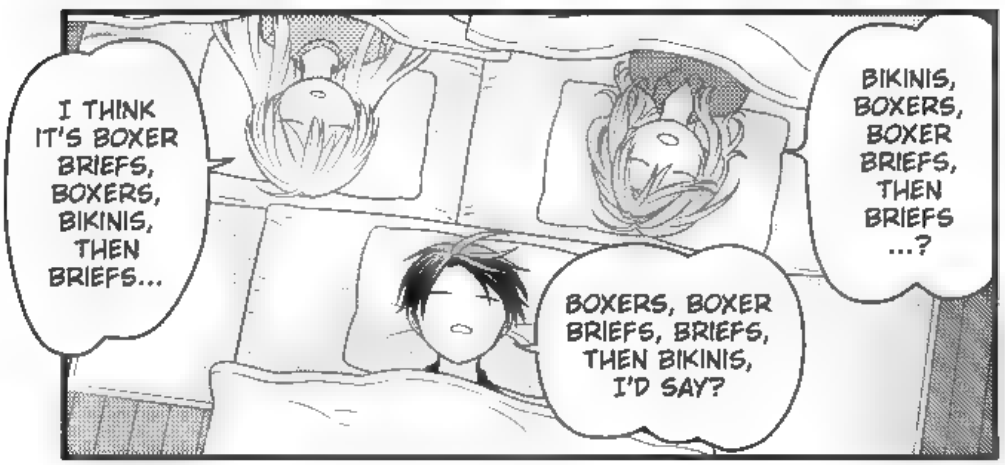
POST-BATH NOZAKI-KUN IN SWEATS !!!!
YEAH, BABY!!
PASHA (SNAP)
PASHA
PASHA
SHE GOT KASHIMA-KUN TO DOWNLOAD IT FOR HER.

HUH !!?
SHOULDN'T YOU TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER?
YOU KNOW, YOU AND NOZAKI ARE PRETTY CLOSE, HUH, CHIYO-CHAN?

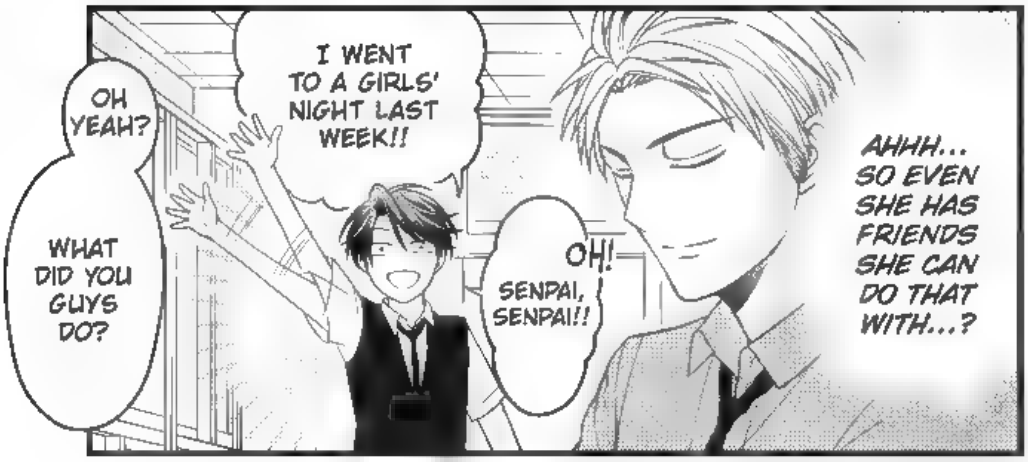
Okay... okay...!! This... is kind of embarrassing, but...
You're right... It totally does...!!
CHIYO-CHAN... TAKE THE NEXT STEP!
WAIT UP. DOESN'T THIS CONVERSATION SCREAM "GIRLS' NIGHT"...?


NO, DON'T GO FOR THAT...
To: Nozaki-kun♡
What sort of underwear do you wear, Nozaki-kun?
...I'll go for it...!

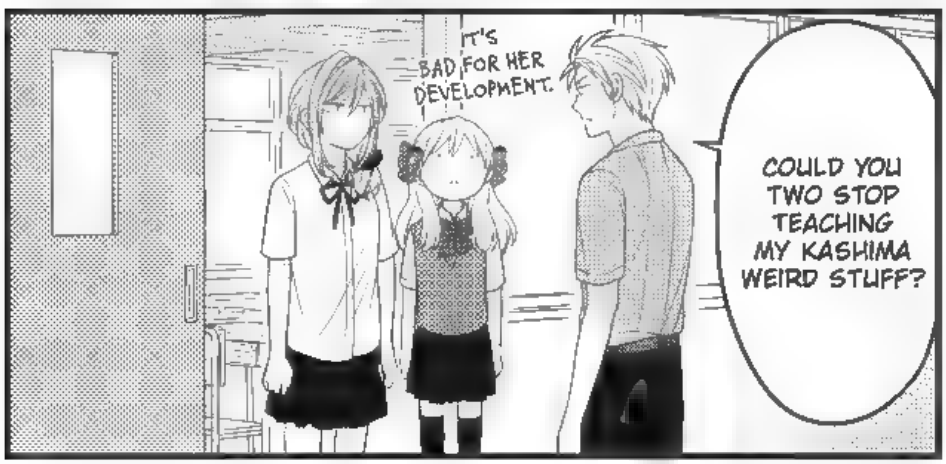
REMINISCING ABOUT THE DAY BEFORE BED



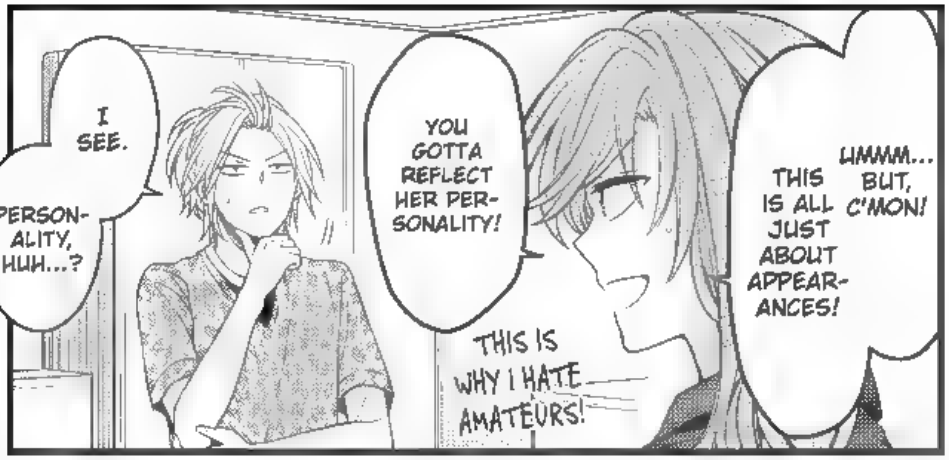
I HEARD SHE, SAKURA, AND SEO HAD A GIRLS' NIGHT.
OH?
SO, APPARENTLY, KASHIMA HAD HER FIRST SLEEPOVER THIS PAST WEEKEND.

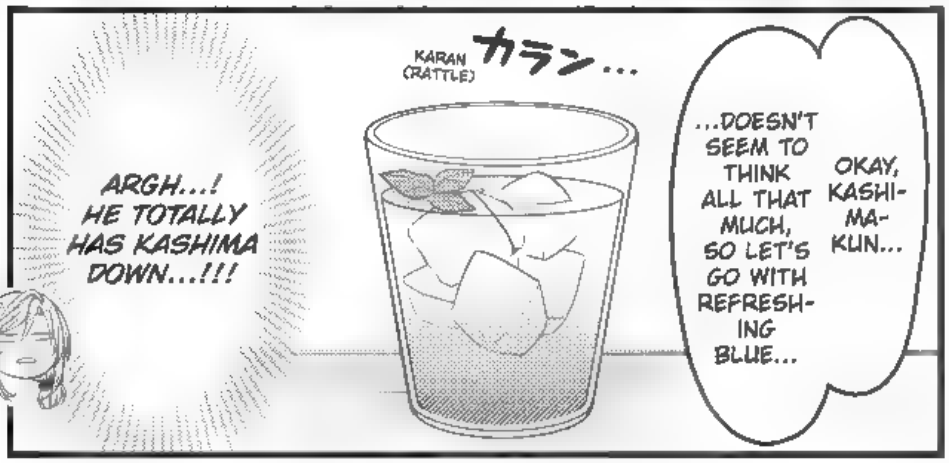

OH YEAH?
I WENT TO A GIRLS' NIGHT LAST WEEK!!
OH!
SENPAI, SENPAI!!
AHHH... SO EVEN SHE HAS FRIENDS SHE CAN DO THAT WITH...?
WHAT DID YOU GUYS DO?

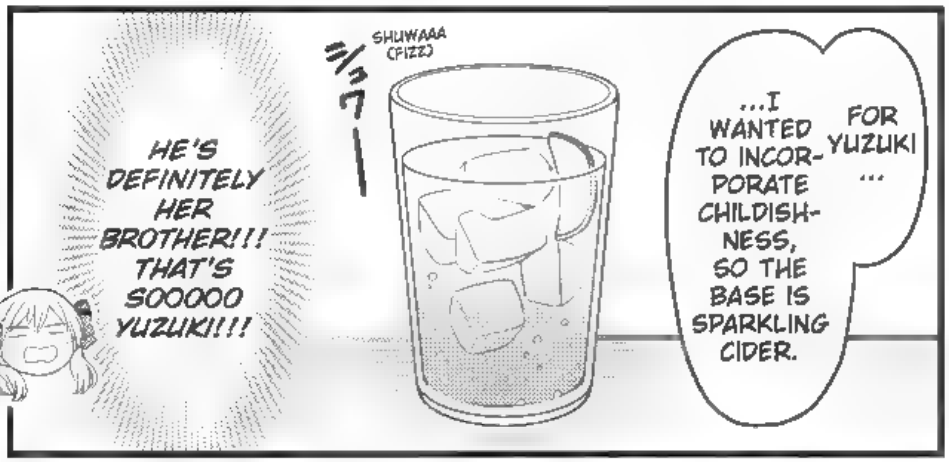
...MEN'S UNDER-WEAR UNTIL WE FELL ASLEEP!
...AND RANKED ...
... PLAYED FIFTEEN-AND-UP VIDEO GAMES ...
WE ROLLED ALL OVER THE FUTONS ...


IT'S BAD FOR HER DEVELOPMENT.
COULD YOU TWO STOP TEACHING MY KASHIMA WEIRD STUFF?

BAR RYOUSUKE
I'VE BEEN LEARNING HOW TO MAKE COCKTAILS LATELY. WANNA TRY ONE?
I'LL USE JUICE.
WOW! THAT'S GONNA REALLY GET THE GIRLS ALL OVER YOU!!
THAT'S REALLY GREAT! GOOD FOR YOU!
Okay, then I'd like a drink inspired by me.
WHOA! THAT'S A TOUGH ONE RIGHT OFF THE BAT!!!
AHAHAHAHAHA!
HERE.
THE CHIYO-CHAN SPECIAL.
KOTO (CLUNK)
コト…
STRAW-BERRIES
ORANGE JUICE + TOMATO JUICE
HE CAME UP WITH SOMETHING THAT'S HARD TO CRITIQUE...


I SEE.
PERSONALITY, HUH...?
YOU GOTTA REFLECT HER PERSONALITY!
THIS IS WHY I HATE AMATEURS!
UMMM... BUT, C'MON! THIS IS ALL JUST ABOUT APPEARANCES!


ARGH...! HE TOTALLY HAS KASHIMA DOWN...!!!
KARAN (RATTLE) カラン...
...DOESN'T SEEM TO THINK ALL THAT MUCH, SO LET'S GO WITH REFRESHING BLUE...
OKAY, KASHIMA-KUN...


HE'S DEFINITELY HER BROTHER!!! THAT'S SOOOOO YUZUKI!!!
SHUWAAA (FIZZ) シュワー
...I WANTED TO INCORPORATE CHILDISHNESS, SO THE BASE IS SPARKLING CIDER.
FOR YUZUKI ...

NO CHANGE !!!
DON (BAM) ドン
...IS THIS !!!
AND CHIYO-CHAN...

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PASSING BY EACH OTHER
MISUNDER-STANDING
RESOLUTION
Well... it is a romance manga after all...
THAT'S JUST HOW IT ALWAYS IS...
LATELY, I'VE BEEN THINKING ...
...THAT MAMIKO AND SUZUKI ARE IN A RUT...

NOW !!?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
So, I was thinking maybe I should put in some big twist...

If you spring that on people with no fore-shad-owing ...
Now, just hang on.
WHEN THAT SUZUKI WAKES UP, MAMIKO IS CONFRONTED BY TWO SUZUKIS!!!
LIKE, SUZUKI'S ACTUALLY A ROBOT, AND THE REAL SUZUKI HE'S BASED ON IS IN A COLD SLEEP!
SHOCKER! びっくり!!

YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANY PLANS FOR THAT WHEN YOU PUT IT IN...!!?
SUZUKI-KUN...?
...HAVE I... SOME-THING TO TELL YOU SOMEDAY, MAMIKO.
IF YOU WANT FORE-SHADOWING, CAN'T WE JUST USE THIS PART?
I HADN'T DECIDED WHERE I WAS GOING WITH THAT...

IT'S HARD TO KEEP UP WHEN SOMETHING WEIRD SUDDENLY HAPPENS IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR ORDINARY DAILY LIFE.
WELL, YEAH.
POKI
POKI (SNAP)
TOO BAD...
HE ENDED UP SHUTTING IT DOWN, SAYING THAT NO ONE WOULD BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THE SUDDEN SCI-FI TURN...
THAT'S NORMAL.
HUH ...?
I FOUND YOU...
I FINALLY FOUND YOU...
GASA (RUSTLE)
THERE YOU ARE...
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY ...!!?
WHAA —!?
...YOU KNAVE !!!
EN GARDE ...
BA (WHIP)
YOU KILLED MY BROTHER, AND I SHALL HAVE MY REVENGE ...!!!
I DON'T GET IT!!!
BUT THIS GUY'S JUST RUNNING WITH IT ...!!!
EASY THERE, YOU FOOLISH LITTLE MAN.
TO THINK I WOULD GET THE CHANCE TO SLIT BOTH BROTHERS' THROATS...
CHAKI (GRIP)

TODAY'S IMPROV DAY FOR THE DRAMA CLUB.
WHENEVER WE RUN INTO ONE ANOTHER, WE HAVE TO AD-LIB.
AFTER WE FINISH THE SCENE, WE MOVE ON TO THE NEXT PERSON.
SORRY FOR INTER-RUPT-ING!
WHAT THE HELL? SO YOU'RE DOING GUERRILLA SKITS?
YOUR CLUB IS WEIRD.

I'M PRETTY SURE...
...WE STARTED IT TO GET THE UNDER-CLASSMEN MORE CONFIDENT OR SOME-THING...
PLEASE HELP ME!!!
BIKU (JUMP)
AN-OTHER ONE!!!
GASA (RUSTLE)

OH! UM...
S-SOME BAD MEN CAME TO OUR VILLAGE...
AND, UM...
KAAAAAAA (BLUUUSH)
P-PRESI-DEEENT!
AND... WELL...
OH... I GET IT. THEY'RE ALL PLAYING ALONG FOR THE KIDS LIKE THIS GIRL...
THE DRAMA CLUB IS SO NICE.

TCH!
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
SPIT IT OUT, YOU BUMP-KIN...
...OR I'LL FEED YOU TO MY HORSE!
THIS PRESI-DENT IS THE DEVIL!

I'M AN OFFICIAL PASSING BY.
I WAS GOING ALONG WITH THE SCENE SHE SET.
AWWW~! I CAN'T DO THIIIIS~!
WHY DON'T YOU TRY BEING A LITTLE NICER TO HER...?
SHE'S JUST A FIRST-YEAR, RIGHT
WHY DON'T YOU ACT IT OUT WITH HER INSTEAD, NOZAKI?
UH...
'TIS I, THE GREATEST WIZARD IN ALL THE LAND!
WH—
WHO ARE YOU ...!?
BIKU
NU (LOOM)
YOU SEEM DIS-TRESSED!
HOH! HOH! HOH!
I SHALL GRANT YOUR WISH!
I...
I...
HUH !?
UM...
HMM?
YOU NEED BUT SAY WHAT IT IS YOU DESIRE MOST OF ALL.
TH-THEN... UH, UMMM ...
SHE'S A DEVIL TOO ...!!!
...SOME-ONE DEPEND-ABLE TO PRAC-TICE WITH...
I-I WANT ...
... WHO'LL HELP ME GET BETTER AT ACTING !!!

THE THIRD ANIMAL...

...MAYBE I CAN GET SOME GOOD PLOT IDEAS FROM THEIR IMPROV...
IF I THROW OUT A CUE BASED ON LET'S FALL IN LOVE♡...
OH YEAH.

...OVER A SIMPLE MISUNDER-STANDING ...!?
YOUR CUE
SUZUKI AND MAMIKO GET INTO A FIGHT...

DON (THUD)
YII
WA
DAMMIT! I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANY-MORE !!!
UM... COULD YOU MAKE THE FIGHT A LITTLE CUTER...?
BUT YOU HAVE THREE OTHER MEN YOUR-SELF !!!
HUH...? UH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THAT DRAMATIC...
SUZUKI-KUN!!! WHO WAS THAT WOMAN !!?
GA (GRAB)

★A TRAGIC ENDING ...!
I KILLED HIIIIM !!!
NOOO !!!
WAAAAAH!
AH...
OH NOOOO...
I KILLED HIM...

WH—
WHAAAT !!?
I'M ABOUT TO GO CONFESS TO HORI-SENPAI.
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU DOING, KASHIMA-KUN?

OH... NEVER MIND. IT'S ALL AN ACT...
SHE REALLY SCARED ME!
BUT BE WARNED ... MINE IS A GRAVE CONFES-SION...
PRIN-CESS... WILL YOU LISTEN TO THE PAIN I HOLD DEEP IN MY HEART ...?

PRIN-CESS ...!
YES. I UNDER-STAND. I FORGIVE YOU.
...YES, DO YOU SWEAR ...?
NO MATTER WHAT I MAY SAY, WILL YOU FORGIVE ME...?

SHE REALLY DID CON-FESS!
I'M SORRY, PRINCESS.
IT WAS I WHO BROKE THE PROP IN THE CLUB-ROOM LAST WEEK.

HMMM...
BUT WHAT SORT OF DIRECTION WOULD BE GOOD...?
YOU CAN JOIN IN IF YOU WANT TO, SAKURA...
...GIVING OUT THE CUES.
SOUNDS FUN!
OHH? SO NOZAKI-KUN'S GOING AROUND GIVING OUT CUES!?

...NOZAKI NOW SWEARS HIS ETERNAL LOVE FOR SAKURA.
YOUR CUE
THEIR FEELINGS FINALLY HAVING GOTTEN THROUGH TO EACH OTHER...

SA-KURA ...!
SA-KURA ...!?
KOFF!
KOFF!
UGH!
I'M SO HAPPY, NOZAKI-KUN ...!
Saku-ra...!
Marry me!!!

—AND THEN, I SWORE MY ETERNAL LOVE...
...OVER SAKURA'S DEAD BODY...
★A BAD ENDING ...!
SAKURAAAA!!!

LIKE, "AAAND... THEY'RE DEAD! NEXT?"...
ER, WELL...
I GUESS 'COS IT'S A GOOD PLACE TO END ...?
WHY DO THEY ALWAYS DIE RIGHT AWAY !!?
WHAT THE HELL !!?

GIRLS' ROMANCE MANGA SCHO
STORY CRITIQUE
I understand you want to branch out a little, but think about your readers' feelings.
HONORABLE MENTION
The Dance of Death
AT MANGA SCHOOL, THEY'D SAY, "I UNDERSTAND YOU WANT TO BRANCH OUT A LITTLE, BUT THINK ABOUT YOUR READERS' FEELINGS."
THAT'S WHAT I'D GET!!!
THAT!
O-OH REALLY ...?
SORRY.

I KNOW! I SAW THIS IN A MANGA THE OTHER DAY...
HOW ABOUT THEY'RE CURSED, AND THEIR HANDS GET STUCK TOGETHER?
THAT'D BE EASY TO ACT OUT!
OH! THAT COULD WORK!
RIGHT, NOZAKI?

I can see the influence of other creators in your work. Try to come up with a more original story!
Romance-sensei
Almost there!
DAMMIT! WHAT A PAIN IN THE BUTT!!!

HEY, WHY DON'T YOU JUST DO IT YOUR-SELVES?
BUT WE...
...JUST AREN'T THAT GLAMOR-OUS!!!
PLAY SUZUKI AND MAMIKO, I MEAN.
WE CAN'T PLAY THE LEADS!!!
SHE'S DISSING YOU TOO, YOU KNOW, NOZAKI.
YOU OKAY WITH THAT?

WELL... THINK ABOUT IT THIS WAY, SAKURA.
WE'LL BE PLAYING THEM, WHICH MEANS WE'LL BE THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO EXIST IN THAT WORLD...
SO, BASI-CALLY ...
...THERE WON'T BE ANYONE ELSE TO COMPARE US TO, WILL THERE ...?
HE'S RIGHT ...!!!
THEN...

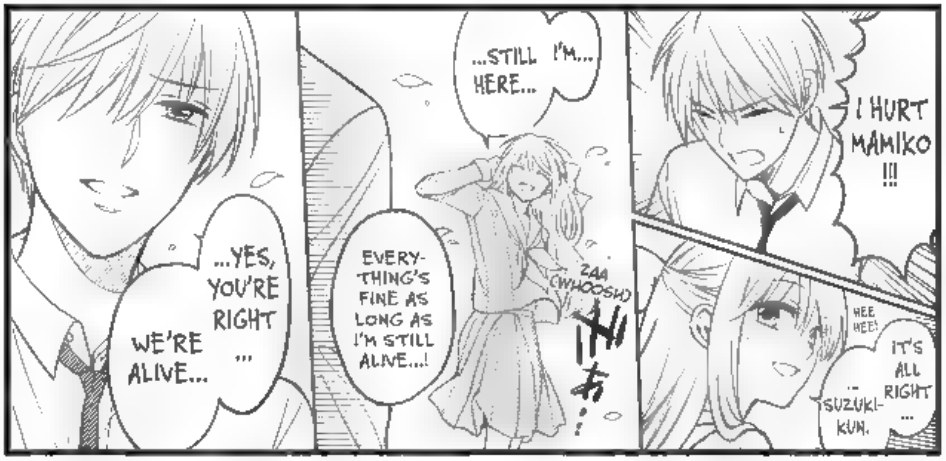
SUZUKI-KUN...
...I...
HOLD IIIIT !!!
I AM BUT A HUMBLE RIVAL.
WILL YOU PUT YOUR WOMAN ON THE LINE AND BATTLE ME...
... STUD ...?
ZA (WHOOSH)

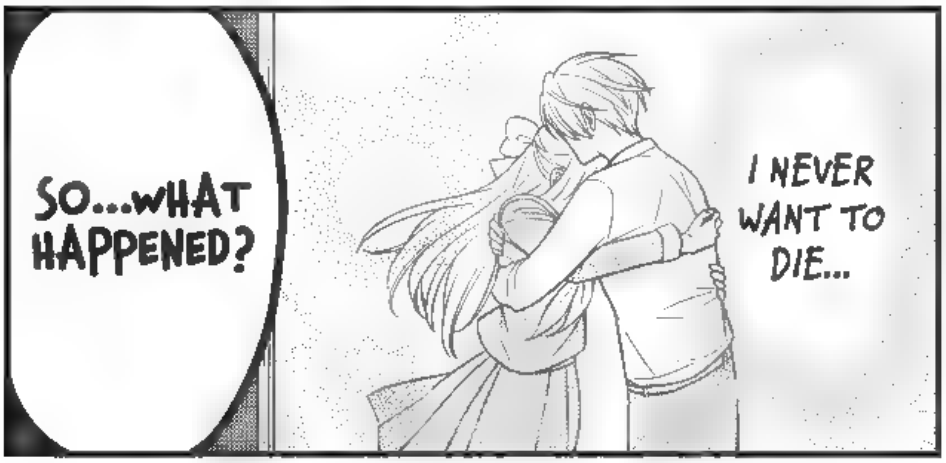
STAY OUT OF OUR PRIVATE WORLD !!!
HUH ...!?
S-SORRY ...!!

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN LET'S FALL IN LOVE♡

I SEE ...
UH...DID SOMETHING HAPPEN ...?
KEEPING THINGS THE SAME REALLY IS FOR THE BEST...
KEN-SAN... I UNDERSTAND NOW.

I JUST GOT A STRANGE FEELING AFTER READING THROUGH THE END OF YOUR DRAFT FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER ...
NO...
Huh ...?
Are you interested in my personal life...?


...YES, YOU'RE RIGHT ...
WE'RE ALIVE...
EVERYTHING'S FINE AS LONG AS I'M STILL ALIVE...!
...STILL I'M... HERE...
ZAA CWHOOSH
I HURT MAMIKO !!!
HEE HEE!
IT'S ALL RIGHT ...
-SUZUKI-KUN.


SO...WHAT HAPPENED?
I NEVER WANT TO DIE...

CHEAP MATERIAL

ZUDON (THUD)
ONE DAY, WHEN I...
...WAS IN A PRETTY GOOD MOOD ...
...I WAS WALKING DOWN THE HALL...

...AND FOUND MY KOUHAI ON THE FLOOR.

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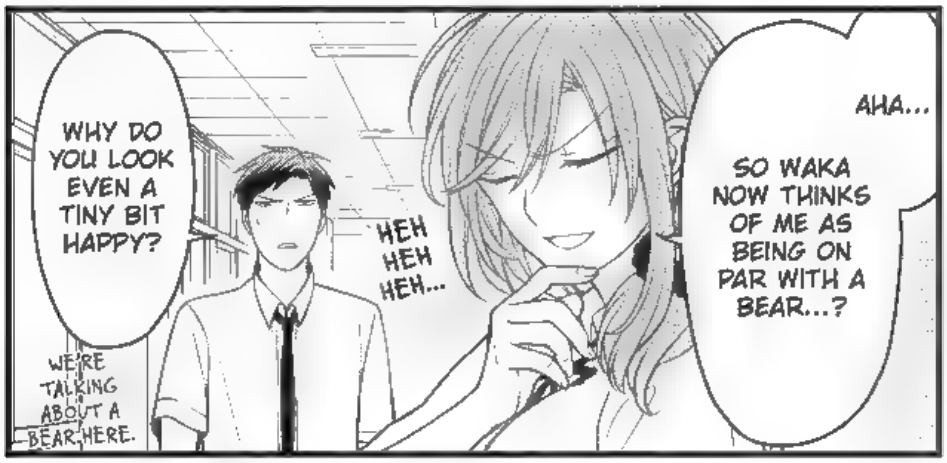
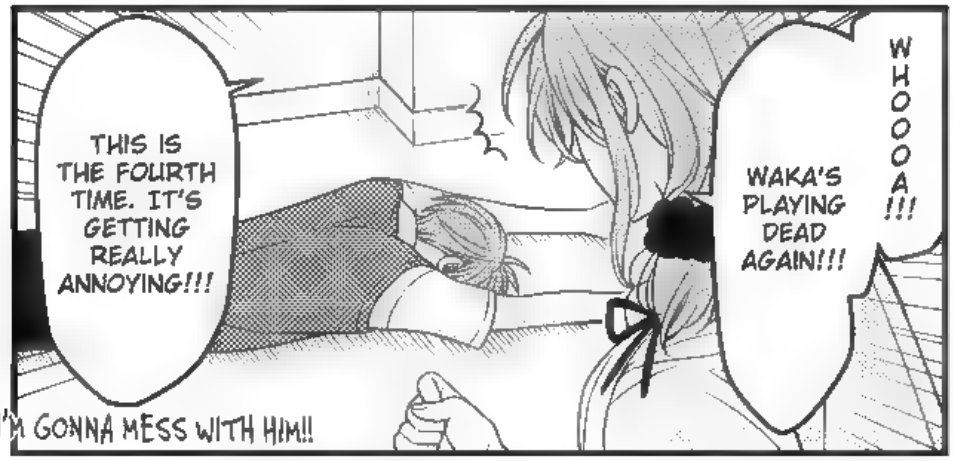
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THE GLEE CLUB ELEMENT

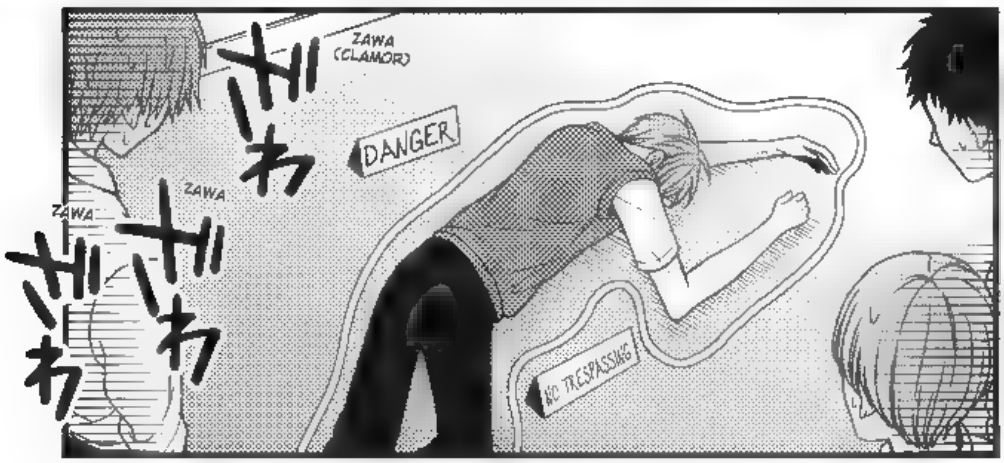


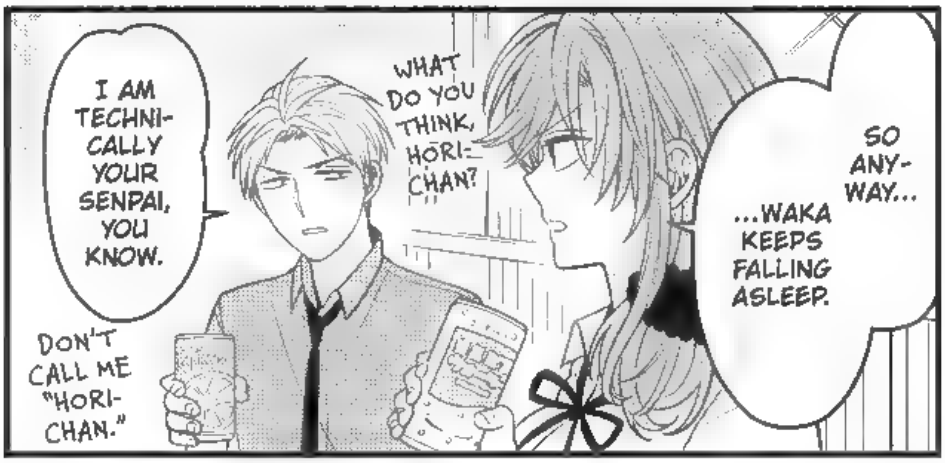
TODAY ALONE ...
...I'VE ALREADY FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE HALLWAY THREE TIMES.
...I'VE PASSED LORELAI-SAN THREE TIMES...
...BUT THAT JUST MEANS ...
WHY DO I KEEP FALLING ASLEEP ...!!?
NEXT TIME ...
...I RUN INTO HER, I...
NO, I'D BE HAPPY TO JUST LISTEN TO HER SING ...!!!
HUH...? THAT VOICE...
GURA (STAGGER)
OH... NO... I CAN'T HEAR IT CLEARLY...
WHAT IS IT ...?
...ARE YOU SINGING RIGHT NOW ...?
WHAT SONG ...
THE OTHER DAY, I MET A BEAR! A GREAT BIG BEAR, AWAY OUT THEEEERE!
BUN (SWING)
BUN
BUN
BUN


WHOOOA!!!
WAKA'S PLAYING DEAD AGAIN!!!
THIS IS THE FOURTH TIME. IT'S GETTING REALLY ANNOYING!!!
I'M GONNA MESS WITH HIM!!

...WOW, WHAT?
HE'S ACTUALLY ASLEEP?
YUSA (SHAKE)
ゆさ
ゆさ
YUSA
HEEEY, WAKA! WAKE UP!
YOU'RE GONNA GET STEPPED ON IF YOU SLEEP HERE!

OH FINE...
すかー
SUKAAA (ZZZ)
I GUESS I CAN HELP A LITTLE...


ZAWA (CLAMOR)
DANGER
ZAWA
ZAWA
NO TRESPASSING


I AM TECHNICALLY YOUR SENPAI, YOU KNOW.
DON'T CALL ME "HORI-CHAN."
WHAT DO YOU THINK, HORI-CHAN?
SO ANYWAY... ...WAKA KEEPS FALLING ASLEEP.

SOMETHING ABOUT IT HELPING WITH HIS INSOMNIA ...
HE NODS OFF WHEN HE HEARS HER SINGING, I GUESS.
LORELAI?
...ISN'T THAT 'COS OF THAT LORELAI PERSON?
...BUT, WELL, IF WAKAMATSU'S FALLING ASLEEP ...

A BEAR ...?
I WON!!!
BROWN BEAR
LORELAI
SHE GOT EATEN BY A BEAR.
HUH? OH.
DO YOU KNOW THIS LORELAI GIRL?
OH YEAH. YOU'RE IN THE GLEE CLUB, RIGHT?

NO, HORI-CHAN. NOT LIKE THAT.
I'M SO EMBARRASSED!
YOU'RE MY WOMAN NOW!
LORELAI
WHAT DO I TELL WAKAMATSU ...?
...OH. SO SHE FELL IN WITH A BEAR OF A MAN ...?

?
LIKE, HOW DOES THAT EVEN HAPPEN ...?
HE FALLS ASLEEP ...?
...BUT WAKA-MATSU FALLS ASLEEP AT THE SOUND OF LORELAI'S SINGING.
I DON'T KNOW ALL THE DETAILS ...

GUSHA (CRUMPLE)

DOGO (THUD)
GUWA (THWACK)

...AND SHE TAKES 'EM DOWN WITH A HUGE THUD !!!
SHE JUST CRUSH-ES PEOPLE ...
AND SHE DOES IT WITHOUT EVEN TOUCHING THEM!!
WHAA —?
LIKE THIS!
BROWN BEAR
LORELAI
LORELAI'S CRAZY STRONG!!!
CHIYO!!! ON SECOND THOUGHT, I'M GONNA STICK WITH LORELAI!!!

HEY. DON'T YOU THINK WAKA-MATSU'S BEEN PASSING OUT A WHOLE LOT TODAY?
YEAH ... IF HE ISN'T MORE CARE-FUL...
WHA —!? WAKA-MATSU !!?
WAKA-MATSU !!!
WAKA-MATSU !!!
WAKA-MATSU !!!
ART ROOM
SCIENCE ROOM
I BET IF HE DISAPPEARS IN THE HOME EC ROOM, HE'LL HAVE A SEWING MACHINE WITH HIM.
REALLY? WONDER IF HE'LL HAVE A THIMBLE ON HIM TOO...
DAMMIT... I'M STARTING TO GET EXCITED TO SEE WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN NEXT.

I'VE KEELED OVER A BUNCH MORE TIMES NOW.
RGH!
LORELAI-SAN
I KEEP PASSING HER, BUT I STILL CAN'T MANAGE TO GET A GOOD LOOK ...!!?
YOU KNOW, AFTER YOU COLLAPSE, SOMEONE PUTS UP A BARRI-CADE AROUND YOU.
WE WERE THINKING MAYBE LORELAI-SAN'S BEEN DOING IT...
WHA —!!?
BUT IF SO...
...THIS LORELAI-SAN...
WELL...
I KNOW YOU REALLY HAVE A THING FOR HER, SO I HATE TO SAY THIS, BUT...
!!!
DON'T TELL ME THEY BOTH FELL FOR LORELAI-SAN'S KINDNESS OR SOMETHING ...!?
...SHE'S A PRANK-STER.
LORELAI-SAN
!!?

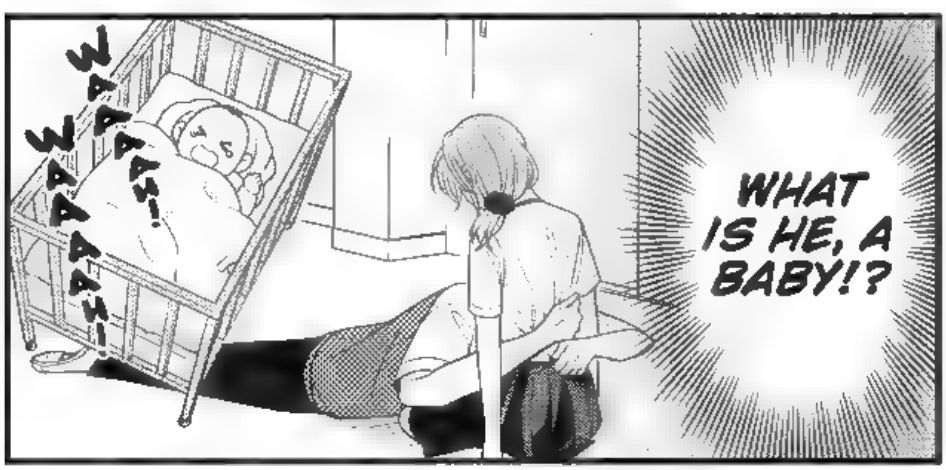
SEO-SENPAI...
THE THING IS, IT SEEMS I KEEP CROSSING PATHS WITH LORELAI-SAN TODAY...
OHH?
YEAH!?
DO TELL! DO TELL!
AND, WELL...
...MY IMAGE OF HER NOW...
PISHI (FREEZE)
...IS THAT SHE'S A TROLL AND A PRANKSTER...
OH...
I GUESS IF HE'S GONNA THINK LORELAI'S BEHIND THIS STUFF, I GOTTA GIVE IT MORE THOUGHT...
I SHOULD MAKE IT FANCIER...
FLOWERS, MAYBE...? YEAH, WOULDN'T PUTTING FLOWERS ALL AROUND HIM WORK?
SOMETHING CUTE LIKE THAT...
EEEEEK! WAKAMATSU!!!
A COFFIN IS SO NOT COOL!!!
LORELAI-SAAAN!!!

SEO-SENPAI'S FOLLOW-UP

WAAAAAH!
PIII (BAWL)
WHA—?
HEY, C'MON. DON'T CRY...
WAAAAAH!
IT'S A SHOCK EITHER WAY!!!

SUKAAA (ZZZ)
GESSORI (DRAINED)
AND THEN, HE CRIED HIMSELF TO SLEEP.
HE FINALLY SHUT UP...

... SLEEPING...
... SLEEPING...
... SLEEPING...
ALL DAY, JUST ...
... SLEEPING...
... CRYING ...
WELL, I GUESS HE'S HAD A PRETTY BUSY DAY TODAY...


WAAAAH! WAAAAH!
WHAT IS HE, A BABY!?

I GUESS I OVERDID THE SINGING... BUT IT WAS JUST TOO FUNNY.
HE SURE FELL A WHOLE LOT...
WELL, I GUESS IT'S TECHNI-CALLY MY FAULT HE GOT HURT...
WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO IT FROM UP CLOSE ...?
HE PASSES OUT WHEN I SING FROM REALLY FAR AWAY, RIGHT ...?
OH YEAH.
.....
SUUU (BREATHE)
POSO (MURMUR)
WAKA-MATSU WOKE UP NORMA-LY THE NEXT MORN-ING.
DID HE GO INTO HIBERNA-TION!?
I-it's 'cos I sang "I Met a Bear" to him ...!!!
WHA—!?...
No-zaki!!! W-Waka is—! I can't get Waka to wake up!!!

ACORNS
.....?
?

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GO, GO, GO! FROM "WELCOME HOME" TO "GOOD NIGHT"

YOU CAN'T THINK LIKE A TEEN FOR-EVER.
YOU JUST DON'T GET IT, DO YOU, MIYAMAE-KUN?
WE DON'T HAVE TO CREATE A WHOLE NEW MAGAZINE FOR IT...
BE-SIDES ...
...WOULD IT ACTU-ALLY BE ALL THAT DIFFER-ENT...?

MY DAD'S A CEO, AFTER ALL.
NO WAY ~!!
IF YOU TELL MY DAD...
...I CAN CRUSH YOUR FAMILY AT ANY MOMENT.
DO WHAT I SAY.
WHEN YOU'RE YOUNG, A KINDA AGGRESSIVE GUY MAKES YOUR HEART SKIP A BEAT.

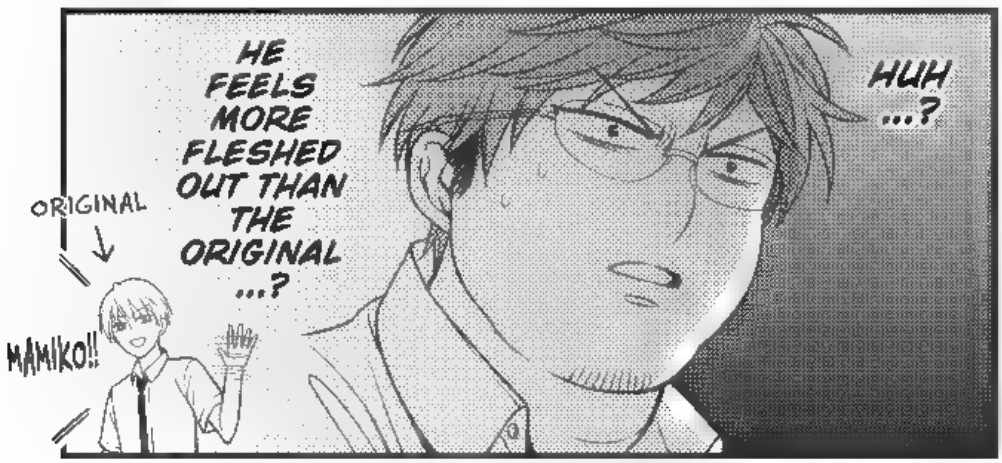
...I SEE. SO YOU'RE ABLE TO STAND UP FOR YOUR-SELF...
I MAKE MY OWN LIVING, YOU SELFISH LITTLE PRINCE !!!
BIG DEAL! YOUR DAD'S A CEO! IT'S NOT LIKE HE RULES THE WORLD!!!
WHAT!?
BUT ONCE YOU'RE AN ADULT...

ADULTS PLAY DIRTY...
GUSU (SNIFFLE)
...PUT IT THAT WAY...
WHEN YOU...
YOU JUST WANT TO SEE HIM CRY AFTER HEARING THAT.
NO!

THIS IS THE KIND OF THING YOU WANT TO DO TO HIM!
THAT'S ACTUALLY PRETTY CRINGE-WORTHY. ISN'T IT?
CHOOSE ME!! PLEASE...!
I'LL BE YOUR CAR. I'LL EVEN BE YOUR DOG...!!!
I'LL BE YOUR HORSE.
PICK ME.
P—
I'LL BE THE SWORD THAT PROTECTS YOU.
YOU KNOW! LIKE, TAKE YUUKI-SENSEI'S ETOU-KUN.

BUT... WOULDN'T THAT KILL ALL HIS CHARM...?
HUH?
...SO I'D WANT HIM TO BE MORE USE-LESS.
LET'S SEE... SUZUKI-KUN CAN DO ANY-THING...
SUZUKI
THEN, WHAT ABOUT SUZUKI-KUN FROM LET'S FALL IN LOVE♡?

YEAH, BUT THAT'S... .....
I'M GOOD AT SCHOOL...
...BUT THIS IS AWFUL...
I'M, SO PATHETIC...
I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE CLEANING...
...OH NO...
...BUT MY ROOM IS A DISAS-TER...
AWW, LOOK. SOME-THING LIKE THIS...


ORIGINAL
MAMIKO!!
HE FEELS MORE FLESHED OUT THAN THE ORIGINAL...?
HUH...?

CHANGING INTERESTS

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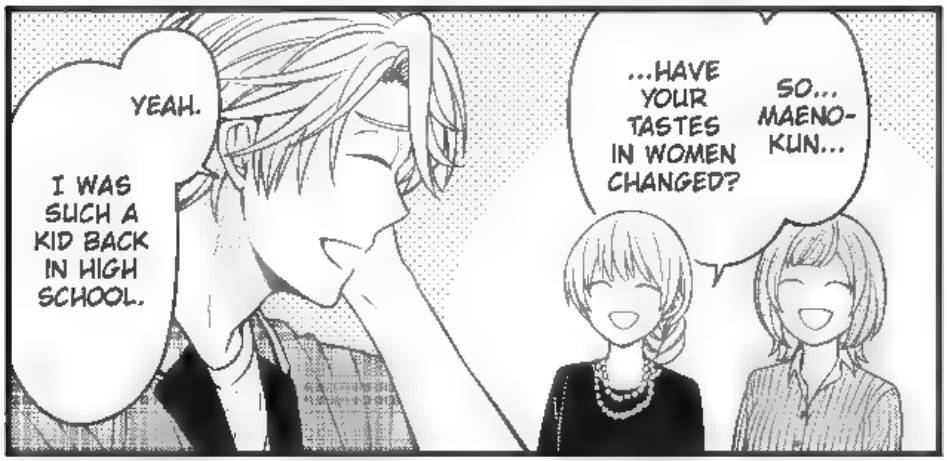
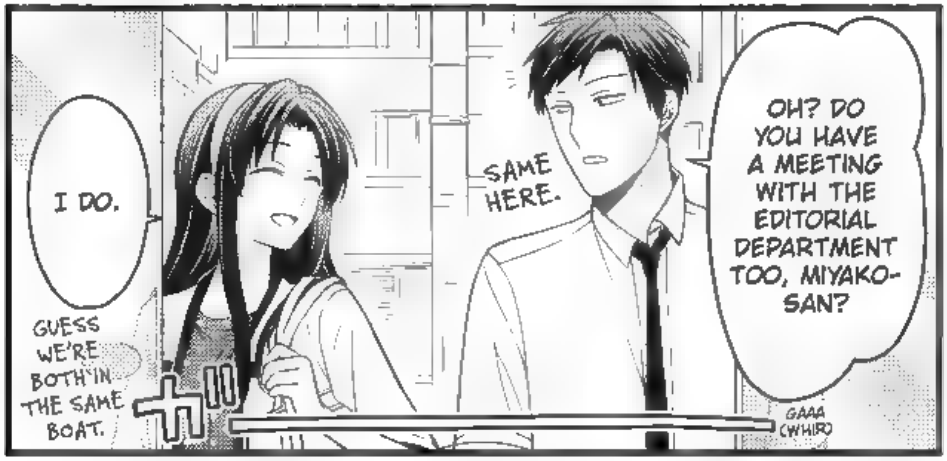
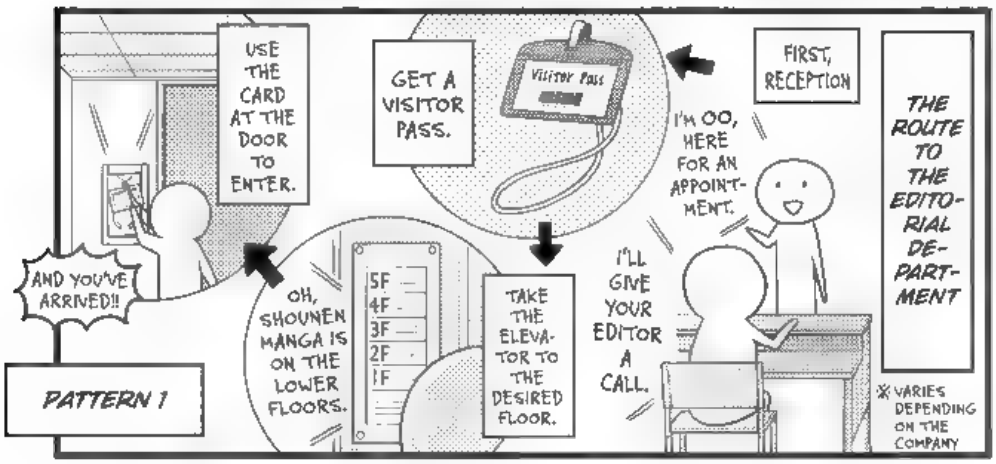
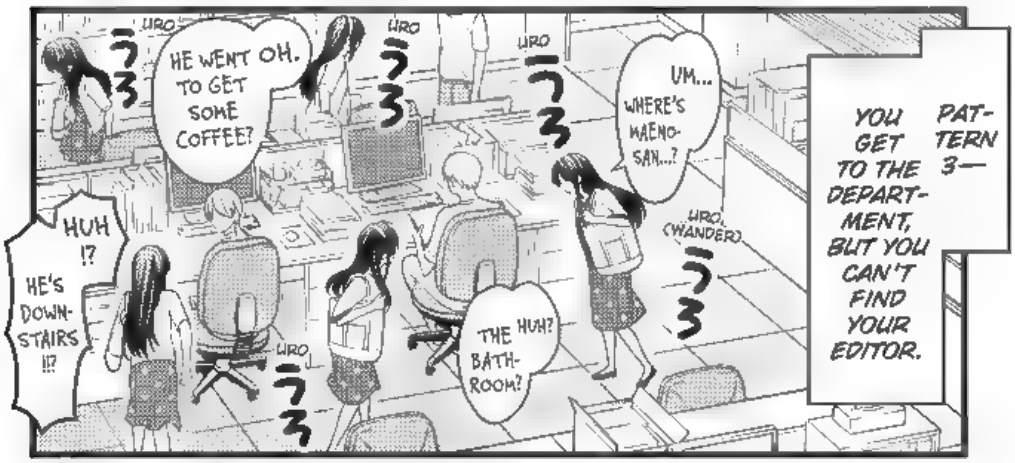


YOU KNOW, I ASKED MIYAKO-SENSEI ABOUT THAT ONCE TOO!
ABOUT HER TYPE!
OH YEAH. SHE'S BEEN WITH US SINCE HIGH SCHOOL, HASN'T SHE?
NICE TO MEET YOU!
SO, WHAT DID YUKARI-CHAN, THE HIGH SCHOOL GIRL, SAY?
UMMM, I THINK IT WAS...
I WANT SOMEONE WHO'S GOOD AT DRAWING ...
...SHOT-GUNS AND MERRY-GO-ROUNDS!
...IS WHAT SHE SAID.
WHAT IN THE WORLD WAS SHE DRAWING ...!!?
SO DOES SHE WANT SOMEONE WHO CAN DRAW AN INTERROGA-TION ROOM NOW?
SHE'S DOING A DETEC-TIVE STORY, AFTER ALL.
OR MAYBE ASTEROIDS IN SPACE?
SHE DOES SCI-FI TOO.
OH.
I JUST HAPPENED TO ASK HER, "WHAT DO YOU WANT NOW?" THE OTHER DAY...
PROBABLY SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH MANGA...
I WANT TO KEEP WORK AND HOME SEPARATE.
...THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID.
WHAT IN THE WORLD HAP-PENED TO HER ...!!?

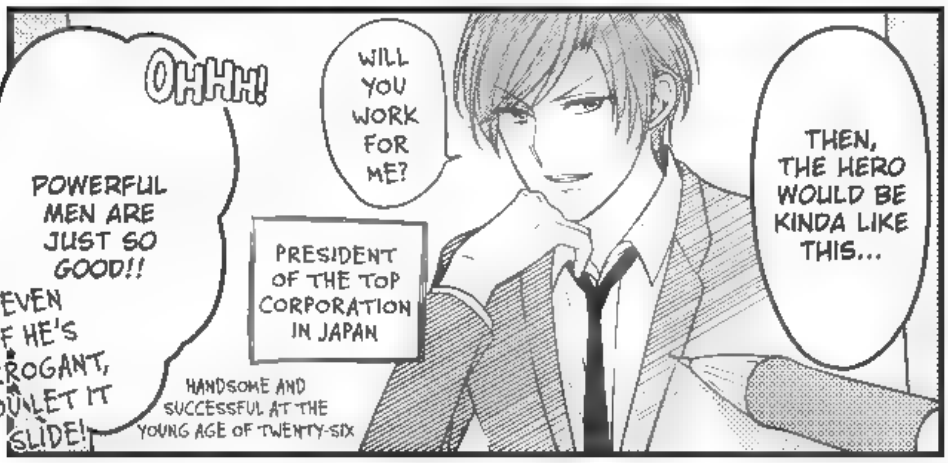
BUT THEY START AT DIFFERENT TIMES







YUMENO-SAN, YOU ACT OL—THAT IS, MATURE...
...SO YOU COULD PROBABLY WRITE A GOOD ADULT STORY, HMM?
LIKE A WORK-PLACE DRAMA OR SOME-THING?
YEAH, EXACTLY! WITH A WORKING WOMAN AS THE LEAD!


THEN, THE HERO WOULD BE KINDA LIKE THIS...
WILL YOU WORK FOR ME?
PRESIDENT OF THE TOP CORPORATION IN JAPAN
HANDSOME AND SUCCESSFUL AT THE YOUNG AGE OF TWENTY-SIX
OHHH!
POWERFUL MEN ARE JUST SO GOOD!!
EVEN IF HE'S ARROGANT, YOU LET IT SLIDE!

AND SHE MEETS VARIOUS OTHER MEN ON BUSINESS TRIPS...
...HIS WOMAN?
YOU'RE...
PRESIDENT OF THE RIVAL, NUMBER-TWO COMPANY
NOUVEAU RICHE PRESIDENT OF A TRADING COMPANY
I'LL... ...BUY YOU.
PRESIDENT OF A RESTAURANT GROUP JUST GETTING STARTED ON THE WORLD STAGE
...JOIN ME FOR DRINKS TONIGHT...? CARE TO...

ALL OF THE MONEY IN JAPAN...
...IS RIGHT HERE...!!!

THEY DO ACTUALLY WORK MOST OF THE TIME.
KEN-SAN, THIS IS JUST AN IMAGE...
HEH...
...DO THESE PEOPLE REALLY WORK?
BUT...
I MEAN, IT WOULD WORK, BUT...
THIS ... SEEMS A BIT TOO BIG IN SCOPE ...

YOU CAN REACH THE PRESIDENT DIRECTLY AT THIS COMPANY !!?
GET HIM AN ASSISTANT!!!
THIS IS THE PRESI-DENT.
WHO IS THIS?
PURURURU (RRRRING)
PURURURU
LIKE THIS !!!
GACHA (CLICK)
HEL-LO?

THAT REALLY MAKES THINGS EXCITING!
YEAH!
HE'S USU-ALLY SO...
... FULL OF HIM-SELF ...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ...?
KII (CREAK)
SIR!
...HE FEELS DOWN 'COS HE MESSED UP AT WORK ...
AND SOME-TIMES ...

GET THIS COMPANY A CLAIMS DEPART-MENT!!!
...WAS MAD AT ME...
A CLIENT ...
HEH HEH...
YOU HEARD THAT CALL ...
... DIDN'T YOU?

ADULT SURREALISM?

WHAT THEY JUST SAW

ANYWAY, YOU SHOULD JUST FOCUS ON WHAT YOU'VE GOT ON YOUR PLATE RIGHT NOW, YUMENO-SAN.
DON'T TALK TO THE PEOPLE OVER THERE.
BUT...
ADULT...
YOU KNOW ...SHOUJO MANGA NEEDS A YOUTHFUL SENSIBIL-ITY.

KEN-SAN...
JUST DRAW THINGS ONLY YOU CAN DRAW BECAUSE OF WHO YOU ARE RIGHT NOW.

OKAY! I'LL DO MY BEST !!!
.....
...STILL ...

WHAT'S GOING ON...!? ...SU-ZUKI-KUN!!?
SU-ZUKI ?
!!!
I TOTAL-LY... ...FOOLED YOU...
PASA (SWF)
...MA-MIKO!
NO WAY ... IT CAN'T BE...
OO-HARA-KUN !!?
THAT'S I PARTED RIGHT... MY HAIR A DIFFERENT WAY.
WHAT IN THE WORLD !!?
CAN'T THESE KIDS BE A LITTLE BIT SMARTER ...?

IN THE END, THEY DECIDED TO PUT THE ADULT MAGAZINE ON HOLD.
OH! NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
MAYBE THEY GAVE IT SOME MORE THOUGHT...
SO...ABOUT OUR CONVERSATION THE OTHER DAY!
YOU SAID ONCE THAT YOU GO FOR "INDEPENDENT WOMEN."
WHAT ABOUT BEFORE?
DID YOU PLAY IT SAFE WITH "COMMON INTERESTS"?

BE-FORE, HUH ...?
HEY ...
...MIYA-MAE...
...DIDN'T WANT TO SAY THIS IN FRONT OF EVERY-ONE...
I...
...BUT I...

...REALLY CAN'T STAND MAENO.
...OH...
ME NEITHER.
CLASS ROLL

WELL ... ...YEAH, WE SHARED A COMMON INTER-EST.
FOR REAL!?
YOU REALLY DO HAVE PRETTY ORDINARY TASTES, DON'T YOU!?
AH HA HA HA HA!

DON'T PUSH YOURSELF.
WHY DON'T YOU JUST DO A STORY ABOUT AN ADULT YOU THINK IS COOL?
OHH!!!
...CO-WORKER, MIYAHARA-KUN...
MY..
...IS SO WONDERFUL... ♡
WHA—!!?
MIYAMAE-SAN!!?
OH!
ISN'T THAT TOO SIMILAR!!?
SORRY FOR BEING SO LATE TO WORK, MIYAHARA-SAN...
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
Don't worry about it.
OH...
NOZAKI-KUN, HIS EYES!!! CHANGE HIS EYES!!!
YOU GAVE MIYAMAE-SAN CUTE, ROUND EYES ...!!!

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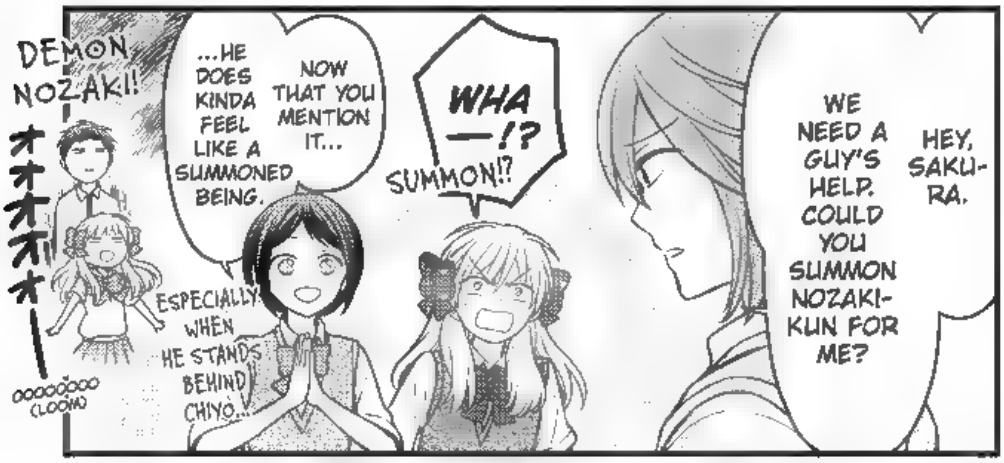
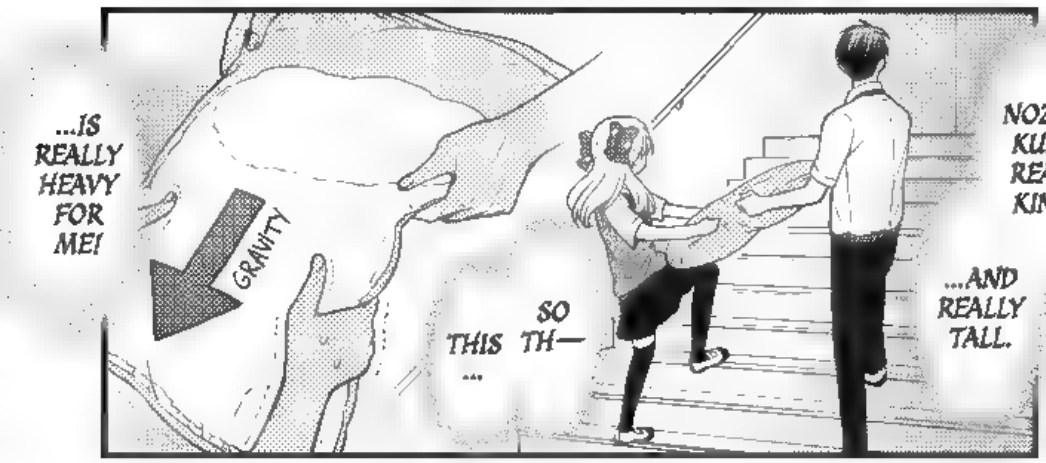

DEMON NOZAKI!!
オオオオー
OOOOOOOO (LOOM)
...HE DOES KINDA FEEL LIKE A SUMMONED BEING.
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
ESPECIALLY WHEN HE STANDS BEHIND CHIYO...
WHA—!?
SUMMON!?
HEY, SAKURA.
WE NEED A GUY'S HELP. COULD YOU SUMMON NOZAKI-KUN FOR ME?

HUH? DO YOU HAVE CLUB TODAY, SAKURA?
HEY...
KYA!
OR MAYBE SOME REALLY STRONG DEITY?
A DEMON?
NOT AN EVIL GOD?
KYA!
KYA!

OH, DIVINE SIR!!! WILL YOU HEAR OUR PLEAS !!!?
WHOOOA!
NOZAKI-SAMA HAS ARRIVED !!!
IT'S NOZAKI-SAMA !!!
GOD!!
AGH!
NO-ZA—

NOZAKI, THE GOD OF LOVE ...!!!
YOUR GOD DESIRES STORIES OF LOVE.
SU (SWF)
OHH...? IN THAT CASE, I REQUIRE PAYMENT.

KINDNESS AND GRAVITY



OHHH!
I SEE !!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT !!!
I'LL HELP YOU!!!
I'M GONNA HELP TOO!!
I'M PART OF THE CLUB, REMEMBER!?
NO!!!
SAKU-RA!
THAT BAG IS JUST TOO BIG FOR YOU!!!
LEAVE THIS TO ME!

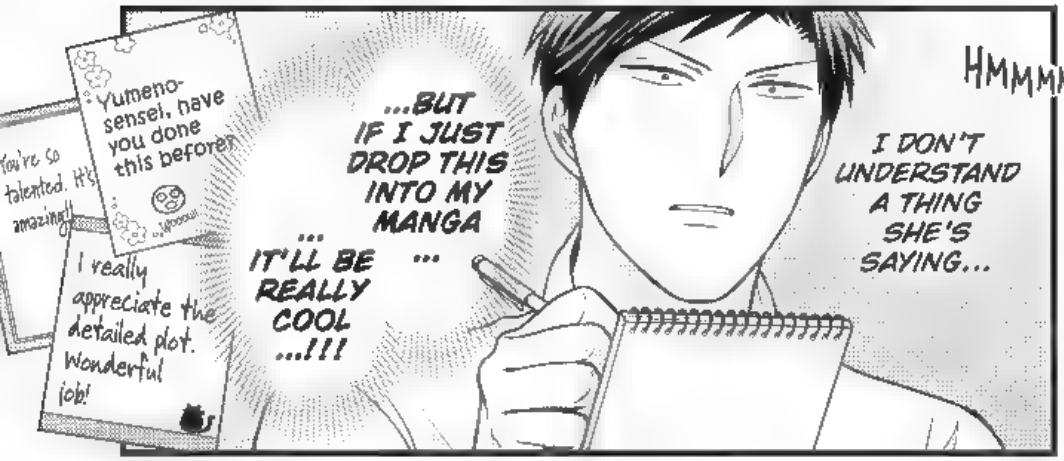
JUST CARRY THE BAG!!!
GET RID OF THE EXTRA WEIGHT !!!
WE'LL DO IT LIKE THIS !!!

ALL RIGHT !!!
LET'S GO!!!
I'LL DO MY BEST!!
GOT IT!!!
SO I DON'T FALL OVER!!
THEN, I'LL CARRY THE BAGS, AND YOU SUPPORT ME!!

PLASTER BUSTS?
IT'S FOR MAKING PLASTER BUSTS.
WHITE POWDER?
SO WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO WITH THIS STUFF?

I SEE...
WE SPLIT IT IN HALF.
...AND WE POUR A THIN LAYER OF PLASTER INTO THE MOLD...
THEN WE TAKE THE CLAY OUT ...
OHH?
THEN WE COVER IT WITH PLASTER TO MAKE A MOLD.
FIRST, WE SHAPE IT IN CLAY.

TEE HEE HEE!
HE'S ALMOST LIKE A LITTLE KID... ♡
HE'S INTERESTED IN PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING.
HIS EYES... THEY'RE PRACTICALLY SPARKLING AS HE LISTENS TO HER...


Yumeno-sensei, have you done this before?
...Wooow
I really appreciate the detailed plot. Wonderful job!
...BUT IF I JUST DROP THIS INTO MY MANGA ... ... IT'LL BE REALLY COOL ...!!!
HMMMM.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND A THING SHE'S SAYING...

YOU KNOW... THEY...
... WEREN'T THERE TO HELP YOU COME UP WITH IDEAS...
BUT I'LL GIVE IT A READ!
READ IT.
...I PUT SOME OF THE THINGS I LEARNED INTO THE STORY.
ANY-WAY...

THERE'S WAY TOO MUCH USELESS INFO HERE!!!
THAT'S RIGHT... IT'S A FLAT SPOON.
BUT THAT'S THE SPOON YOU FLATTENED WITH THE HAMMER...
USE THIS SPOON.
IT'S A LOVE STORY BETWEEN TWO MEMBERS OF AN ART CLUB.
SENPAI, I LOVE YOU...
ROLL THE PLASTER INTO A NICE, FIRM BALL... PUT IT IN A BUCKET WITH WATER...AND ROLL IT AROUND.
SENPAI.
PLASTER IS ABOUT THE CONSISTENCY OF YOGURT, AFTER ALL.
SENPAI ...

I HATE TO DO THIS, BUT I'LL CUT IT DOWN TO JUST ONE...
OKAY, FINE.
JUST ENOUGH TO MAKE IT LIKE, "HE REALLY DOES KNOW WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT~!"
HMMM...
...YOU ONLY NEED ONE OR TWO OF THESE DETAILS.
I THINK ...

WHY'D YOU PICK THAT ONE !!?
...IT GIVES OFF HEAT. IT'S SO WARM... ♡
WHEN PLASTER IS HARDEN-ING...
DON'T HUG ANYONE BUT ME!! D—
...I COULDN'T HELP IT!!!
OKAY, HERE.
B— BUT ...

...ALL RIGHT.
THAT'S THE LAST OF THE BAGS...
...SO CAN I HAVE MY LOVE STORIES NOW?
WHOEVER WANTS TO START, JUST GO AHEAD.

...THEN, AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB, I'LL BEGIN.
SU (PWISH)
I NEVER REALLY KNEW HOW TO BRING THIS UP BEFORE...
... BUT ...
A FOR-BIDDEN LOVE ...?

...MY BOY-FRIEND IS ON THE SOCCER TEAM !!!
BAAAAN! (BAMMM)
SO BLAH !!!
I WON'T GET A REACTION FROM THAT!!!

NO WAY ...!!!
NOT SOMEONE FROM A CULTURAL CLUB!?
HOW THE HECK DO YOU EVEN TALK TO A SOCCER PLAYER!?
DO YOU UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER!?
ZAWA (CLAMOR)
BUT THESE PEOPLE ARE FALLING ALL OVER THEM-SELVES !!!

THEY'RE NOT ENEMIES... THEY JUST FEEL REALLY FAR AWAY...
NAH.
I PLAYED BASKETBALL! IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO BE HERE ...?
DOES THE ART CLUB CONSIDER SPORTS TEAMS THE ENEMY ...?
LIKE, THEY'D BE WILLING TO LEND YOU AN ERASER !!!
THE BASKETBALL TEAM AND THE TENNIS TEAM FEEL LIKE THEY'D HAVE SOME OKAY MEM-BERS !!!
THE CLASS REVOLVES AROUND ME!
IT'S LIKE THEY'D GO "HUUNH!?" IF YOU TALKED TO THEM!!
THE SOCCER TEAM AND THE RUGBY TEAM ARE BASICALLY ON ANOTHER PLANET !!!
LIKE, THEY'D BE WILLING TO HELP YOU WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO CLEAN!!!
BUT THE ONES WHO BUZZ THEIR HEADS SEEM SERIOUS, LIKE THEY'RE NICE GUYS !!!
HUH?
LIKE, THEY'D SKIP OUT ON COMMITTEE MEETINGS!!!
THE LONG-HAIRED GUYS ON THE BASEBALL TEAM ARE SCARY !!!
I'M PRETTY SURE THAT STUFF IS ALL IN YOUR HEAD.
THEY SHARE THEIR SNACKS IF THEY'RE NEARBY.
AND THE TABLE TENNIS TEAM IS ON OUR SIDE.

THE SOURCE OF SYMPATHY

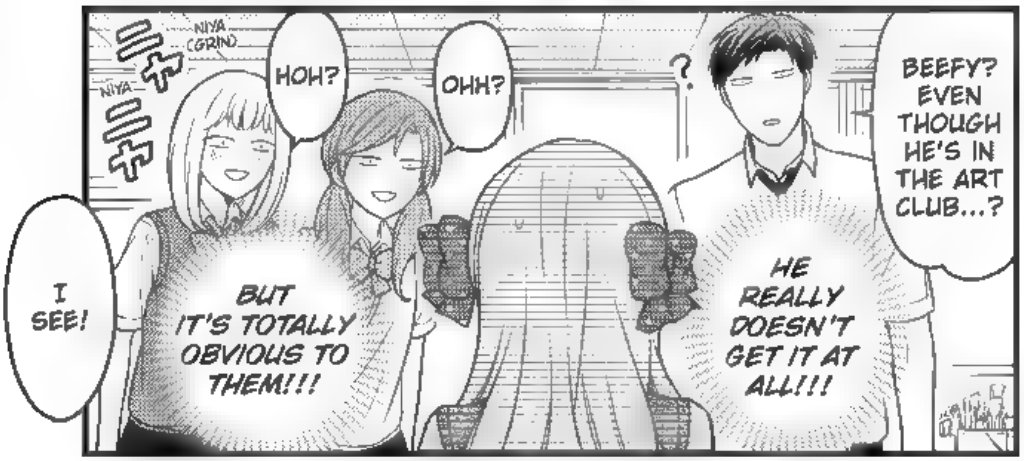
CLUB MEMBER NUMBER 2'S LOVE STORY
UM... I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
TELL ME ABOUT YOUR LOVE FOR SOME FICTIONAL MALE CLUB MEMBER.
FANTASIZE.

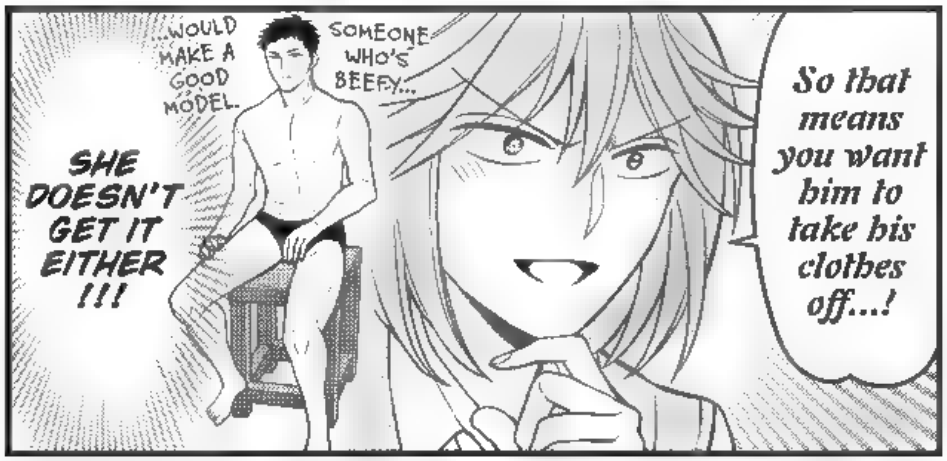
SO, THE IDEAL MALE CLUB MEMBER?
UMM...
HE'D COME RUNNING WHENEVER I NEEDED HELP.
YOU OKAY!?
I'LL CARRY THAT.
AND I GUESS...HE'D CARRY HEAVY THINGS FOR ME?

AND THEN, WHEN I SAY, "THANK YOU," I'D LOVE IT IF HE JUST NODDED AND LOOKED AT ME WITH KIND EYES!
THAT'D BE SO SWEET!
I SEE.
SO HE'S FAST, CAN CARRY HEAVY LOADS, AND HAS KIND EYES...

.....
HE'S A HORSE ...
KIND EYES
STRONG
FAST

HOPELESS SITUATION





!!!
...AND A BIT BEEFY...
TALL...
...I'M PRETTY CLOSE TO YOUR IDEAL MALE CLUB MEMBER.
IN THAT CASE ...
DON'T TELL ME HE ACTUALLY FIGURED OUT HOW I FEEL ABOUT HIM FROM THAT...!!?
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON...!!?
AHHHH!
I DID KIND OF EXPECT THAT THOUGH!
WAAAH!
I'D BE WILLING TO GO DOWN TO MY SHORTS.
SO THAT MEANS YOU WANT ME TO MODEL FOR YOU ...?
HUH!? WHOA!
WHAT'S WITH THOSE REACTIONS !!?
HE'S NOT IN A CLUB, RIGHT...?
ZAWA (CLAMOR)
OHHH MYYY...
AND HE'S STRONG TOO.
SUCH NICE MUSCLES...
ズ!
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JUST LET US DRAW HIM A LITTLE!
AWW.
COME ON!
はリっ
BA (WHAP)
STOP IT!!!
DON'T LOOK !!!

MY IDEAL !?
MY IDEAL ...
BUT THIS IS YOUR IDEAL, ISN'T IT?
?
I'M MAKING MORE ENEMIES!!!
AND YOU, NOZAKI-KUN! HURRY UP AND PUT YOUR CLOTHES BACK ON!!!

I WANNA HAVE HIM ALL TO MYSELF !!!
... WOULDN'T SHOW HIMSELF TO OTHER PEOPLE. HE'D BE JUST FOR ME!!!!

HUH?
IT WAS ACTUALLY KIND OF EXCITING.
SO, HOW DID LOVE STORIES WITH THE ART CLUB GO?
HOW SO?

BESIDES, IF WE WANT A MODEL, CAN'T WE JUST ASK YOUR BOYFRIEND TO DO IT, PRESIDENT !?!
モニ" MMPH! MMPH! もご
HE'S ON THE SOCCER TEAM, ISN'T HE!?
WELL ...
...HE WOULDN'T REALLY BE YOUR TYPE...
SENPAI!
ひょこ
HYOKO (PEEK)
UM... I'M DONE WITH PRAC-TICE.
DO YOU WANT TO WALK HOME TO-GETH-ER?
SOCCER TEAM FIRST-YEAR
ばっ
BA (WHAP)
I LIKE SLENDER GUYS TOO!
I want to express the fragility of young men.
Young and lively, like fresh green leaves before anyone has the chance to pluck them.
YOU ALL HAVE A PRETTY WIDE RANGE OF TASTES, DON'T YOU?
I'LL ASK HIM TO SIT FOR US SOMETIME.

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A SHOCKING TRANSFORMATION♡

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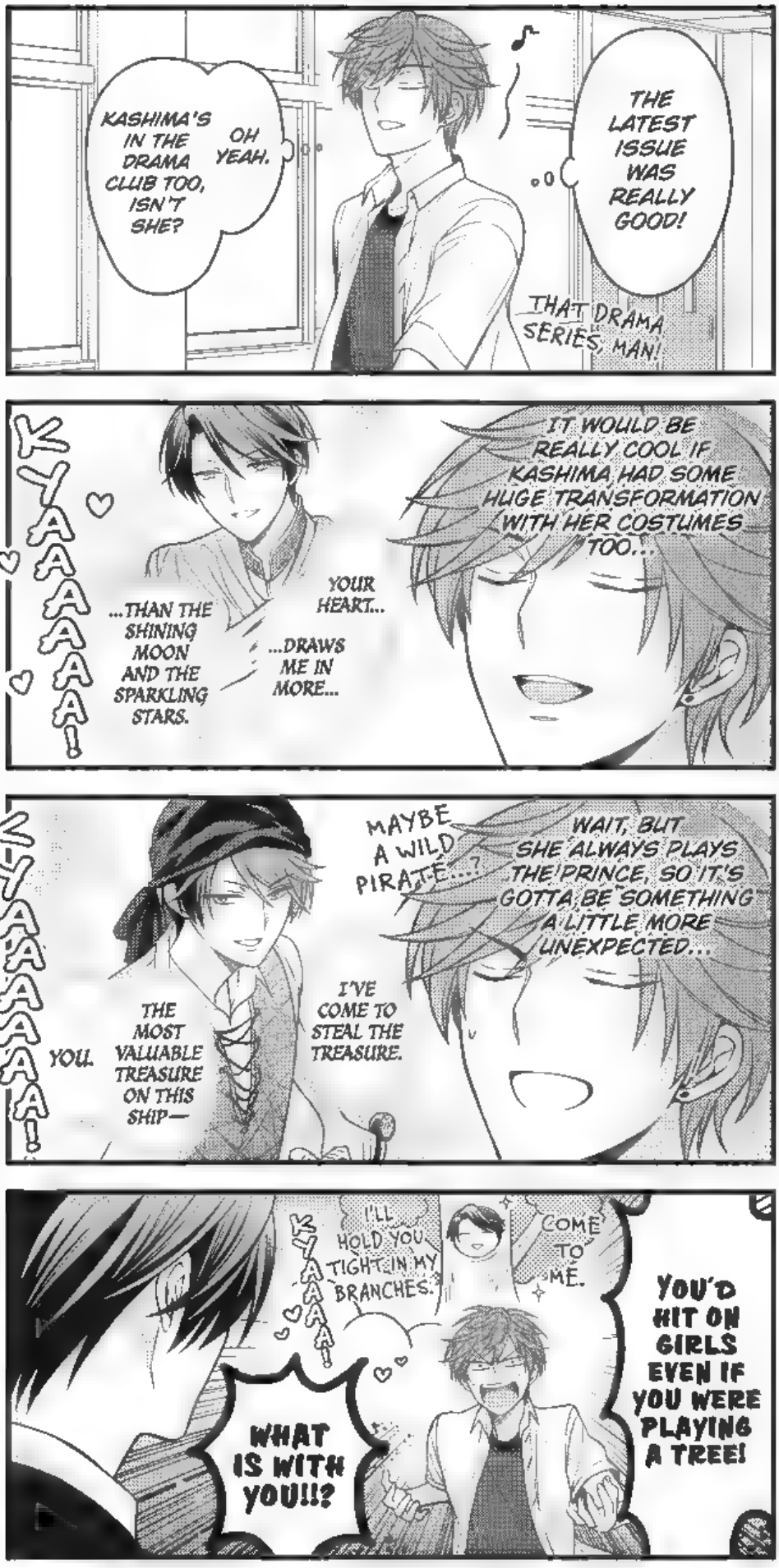
THE STORY'S CATHARSIS

I THINK THE BEST PART OF TRANSFORMATION STORIES ...
...IS THE AUDIENCE REACTION.
THE AUDIENCE?
YES! FOR EXAMPLE, IN CINDERELLA, IT WOULD BE THE PEOPLE ATTENDING THE BALL...
OH MY...!
SO BEAUTIFUL...
WHAT LAND IS SHE THE PRINCESS OF...!?
...AND IN SHOUJO MANGA, IT'S LIKE THIS.
NIKO (SMILE)
DOKKIIIIN (BADUM)
HEY...! WHO IS THAT!?
PSST!
THAT'S SAWADA FROM CLASS B.
SHE'S SO CUTE...
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT!?
I GET IT!
THE BETTER THEIR REACTION, THE MORE CATHARTIC THE STORY.
BUT IT'S A LITTLE EMBARRASSING TO DRAW.
OHHH?
YOU HAVE TO GO ALL-OUT WITH THE BACKGROUND CHARACTERS...
SO, BASICALLY ...
...YOU JUST HAVE TO DRAW REALLY EXAGGERATED REACTIONS FROM THE CROWDS, RIGHT?
KARI (SKRITCH)
HOW ABOUT THIS?
NIKO
A GODDESS!!
SHE'S A GODDESS!!
SO BEAUTIFUL!!!
I'VE BEEN BLINDED BY HER BEAUTY...!!
I CAN'T STAND...!!!
I CAN'T CATCH MY BREATH!!!
HAKATA!!
SERIOUSLY... IS HE CUT OUT TO BE A SHOUJO MANGA-KA...?

THE HERO'S REACTION TIME

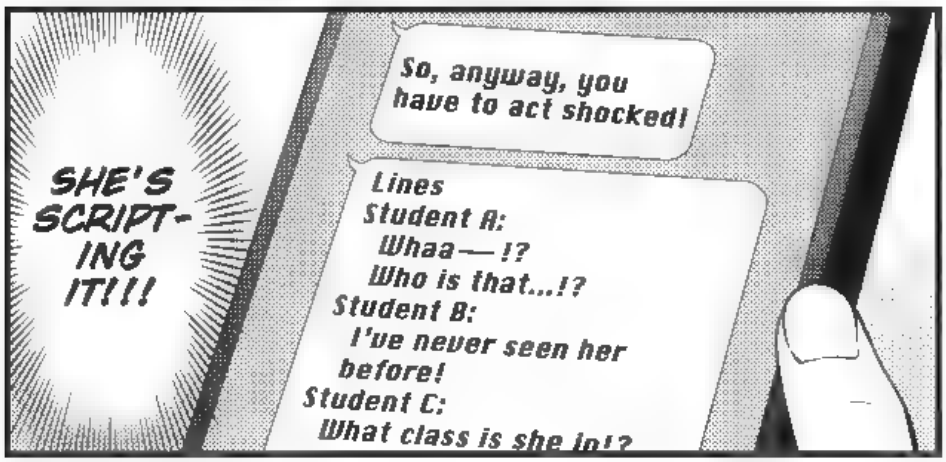

THE LATEST ISSUE WAS REALLY GOOD!
THAT DRAMA SERIES, MAN!
OH YEAH.
KASHIMA'S IN THE DRAMA CLUB TOO, ISN'T SHE?
IT WOULD BE REALLY COOL IF KASHIMA HAD SOME HUGE TRANSFORMATION WITH HER COSTUMES TOO...
KYAAAAAA!
YOUR HEART...
...DRAWS ME IN MORE...
...THAN THE SHINING MOON AND THE SPARKLING STARS.
WAIT, BUT SHE ALWAYS PLAYS THE PRINCE, SO IT'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE UNEXPECTED...
MAYBE A WILD PIRATE...?
I'VE COME TO STEAL THE TREASURE.
THE MOST VALUABLE TREASURE ON THIS SHIP—
YOU.
KYAAAAAA!
COME TO ME.
I'LL HOLD YOU TIGHT IN MY BRANCHES.
KYAAAAA!
YOU'D HIT ON GIRLS EVEN IF YOU WERE PLAYING A TREE!
WHAT IS WITH YOU!!?

I DON'T THINK I'VE DONE ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
I'M PRETTY MUCH ALWAYS A PRINCE.
A ROLE WHERE I DRESS IN AN UNEXPECTED WAY?
...MY UNIFORM SKIRT.
SORRY, MIKOSHIBA, BUT I'M ACTUALLY WEARING A SKIRT RIGHT NOW...
SERI-OUSLY ...?
I TOTALLY FORGOT.
ARE YOU GOOD WEARING A SKIRT...?
OR'S THAT OFF-LIMITS?
SO I GUESS UNEX-PECTED WOULD BE...
...DRESS-ING UP LIKE A GIRL?
MIKO-SHIBA ...
I USED TO HAVE LONG HAIR WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, YOU KNOW...
SERI-OUSLY?
THEN WE'RE GOOD.
NO PROBLEM WITH LONG HAIR OR ANYTHING ...?
I WANNA PUT A WIG ON YOU.
YOU OKAY WITH THAT ?
I DON'T UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO BE NICE ABOUT, MIKOSHIBA.
NOT THAT I REALLY MIND...
THIS IS GONNA BE TOO BIG UP THERE..
OH, AND YOUR BOOBS ARE JUST WAY TOO SMALL FOR THIS. IT'S HOPELESS.

SO HELP ME OUT HERE!!
OKAY.
YEAH !!!
YOU WANT A TRANS-FORMATION THAT'LL SHOCK EVERY-ONE?

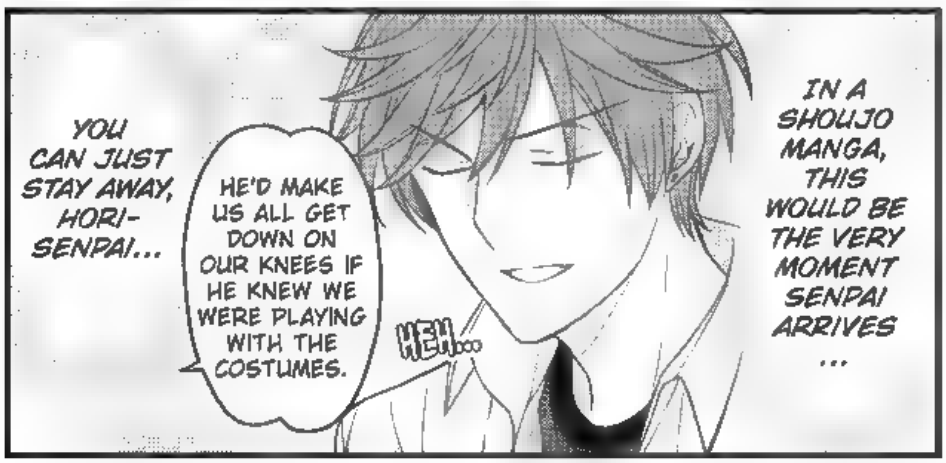
SOME PEOPLE FROM THE DRAMA CLUB.
?
TEXT WHO?
PI
PI (BEEP)
JUST A MINUTE. I'LL TEXT THEM.

WHAT'D YOU TELL THEM?
LEMME SEE!
REALLY? YOU'RE SUPER INTO THIS, KASHIMA!!
SO SHE WANTS TO SHOW THEM HOW MUCH SHE TRANS-FORMS...
OH, I GET IT...
TEE-HEE!
YOU'RE SO CUTE!
KYAAA! KASHIMA-KUN!


SHE'S SCRIPT-ING IT!!!
So, anyway, you have to act shocked!
Lines
Student A:
Whaa—!?
Who is that...!?
Student B:
I've never seen her before!
Student C:
What class is she in!?

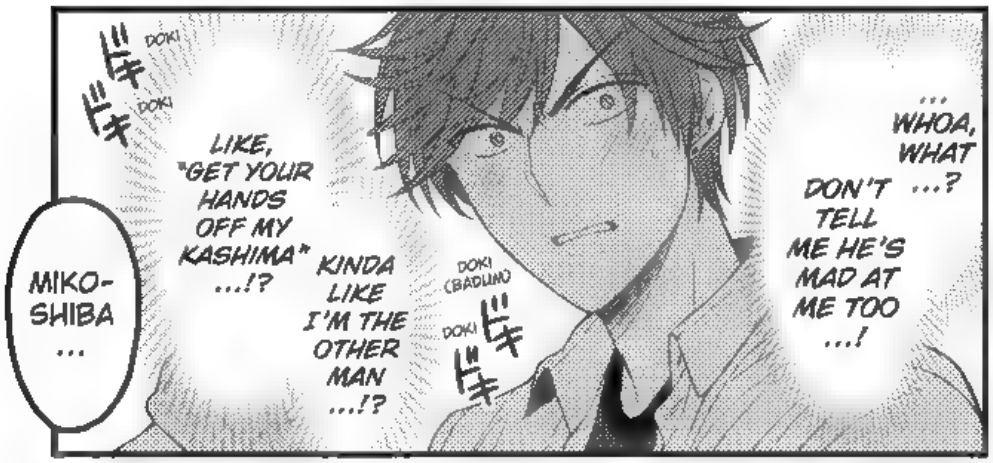
THIS IS WHAT I WANTED. BUT...

I WANNA PUT ON THE CAT COSTUME!
I WANNA BE THE HORSE NEXT!
WE MESS AROUND A LOT WHEN THE PRESI-DENT'S NOT HERE.
WE TRY ON ALL THE COSTUMES AND STUFF!
SO THIS IS KIND OF OLD NEWS.
HUH?
SO HORI-SENPAI'S NEVER SEEN IT?

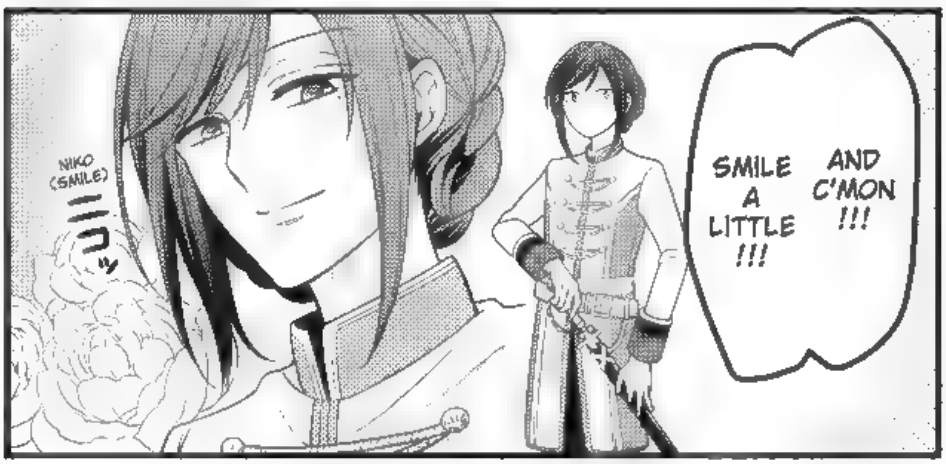

IN A SHOUJO MANGA, THIS WOULD BE THE VERY MOMENT SENPAI ARRIVES ...
HEH...
HE'D MAKE US ALL GET DOWN ON OUR KNEES IF HE KNEW WE WERE PLAYING WITH THE COSTUMES.
YOU CAN JUST STAY AWAY, HORI-SENPAI...

STILL, IT'S KINDA WEIRD HE'S NEVER SEEN THIS.
OH, IT'S STUCK.
I WENT TO SHOW HIM A COUPLE OF TIMES, BUT MY TIMING WAS ALWAYS OFF...
OHH?
GACHA (KACHAK)

DURING AN EXCITING SCENE



IF YOU WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR HEIGHT, YOU CAN'T JUST THROW ON WOMEN'S CLOTHES! YOU NEED TO HAVE SOMETHING DIGNIFIED!!!
YOUR WIG HAS TO BE CLOSE TO YOUR NATURAL HAIR COLOR.
AND YOUR MAKEUP SHOULDN'T BE CUTE! YOU HAVE TO GO MATURE !!!


AND C'MON !!!
SMILE A LITTLE !!!
NIKO (SMILE)

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WHOOOOOOA!!!
...

THE PEOPLE BEHIND IT
... STANDING OVER THERE ...?
WHY IS HE...
THE SURPRISED ONES

I'M PERFECTLY NORMAL.
?
ゴォオオ
GOOOOOOO (VOOSH)
WHOOOA!
...EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE USUALLY PRETTY NORMAL...
...YOU GET KINDA... ECCENTRIC...
YOU KNOW, SENPAI, WHEN IT COMES TO KASHIMA...

OH!
THEN, I'LL CHANGE INTO MY UNIFORM!!
THEY'LL KNOW YOU'RE AN ACTOR RIGHT AWAY.
LIKE THIS?
I'LL GO TRICK EVERYONE!!!
SENPAI, SENPAI!
CAN I HEAD TO CLASS LIKE THIS?

I DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE TO SEE...
IT'S GOTTA HAPPEN THIS TIME!!!
THAT !!!
OH ...!!!
YOUR ..... UNIFORM, HUH ...?

IT'S LIKE THAT !!?
DAMMIT !!!
... YOU'LL NEED SOME BLACK TIGHTS ...
THEN...

THIS HAPPENS ALL THE TIME

SEN-PAI! SEN-PAI!
DID YOU DO THAT, SENPAI?
THE HAIR AND THE MAKEUP?
HMM? YEAH. I DID...

OHHH!
SO THAT'S THE SORT OF LOOK YOU LIKE?
NOT THE CUTE TYPE?
HUH?
I WAS JUST TRYING TO GO FOR SOMETHING THAT LOOKED GOOD ON KASHIMA...
OH? BUT ...

DOESN'T THAT...
...YOU GOT TO DO WHATEVER YOU WANTED TO YOUR FAVORITE FACE.

...MEAN THAT'S THE TYPE YOU LIKE BEST OF ALL?

A WEEK AGO...
I'VE SEEN HORI-SENPAI SINCE THEN ...
THAT WAS REALLY FUN.
SO...
...ABOUT A WEEK AGO, WE GOT HORI-SENPAI CAUGHT UP IN OUR TRANSFORMATION STUFF.

YEAH. I KNEW THAT.
...HAS ALWAYS BEEN KASHIMA'S FACE...
NOZAKI... MY IDEAL GUY'S FACE...

...MIGHT BE KASHIMA TOO...
...MY IDEAL WOMAN ...
I THINK ...
BUT I JUST REALIZED SOMETHING.

WHAT IS HE, AN OLD MAN!!?
THAT'S WHAT HE... ...SAID YESTERDAY.

WE WERE PLAYING AROUND WITH THE COSTUMES, SO WE'RE ALL GOING TO SIT FORMALLY NOW.
COME ON! SIT!
WHAA —!?
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY SENSE OF FUN!!?
A SENSE OF FUN ...?
OKAY, THEN LET'S PLAY THE "I'LL PUT ANOTHER WEIGHT ON YOUR LEGS EVERY FIVE MINUTES" GAME.
THAT'S FUN, RIGHT?
ISN'T THAT TORTURE ...!?

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DOYO (YELL)
HEY! MIKO-SHIBA HAS A REALLY PRETTY GIRL WITH HIM!!
HUH? WHAA —? WHO IS SHE!?
SHE'S SUPER-HOT!!
IS SHE FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL!!?
WHOA.
I KNOW! HOW ABOUT WE GO TO YOUR CLASS TOO, SENPAI?
OKAY, SURE.
NO ONE FIGURED IT OUT.
HORI-KUN BROUGHT A BEAUTIFUL PERSON WITH HIM!!!
HORI-CHAN HAS A PRETTY GIRL ON HIS ARM!!!
ZAWA (CLAMOR)
ざわっ
IT'S TRUE !!!
WHAT THE —!!? HORI-CHAN'S WITH A BEAUTY !?
THEY FIG-URED IT OUT RIGHT AWAY.
IT'S GOTTA BE KASHIMA DRESSING UP AS A GIRL !!!
KA-SHIMA, YEAH !!?
IT'S KASHI-MA, RIGHT !!?

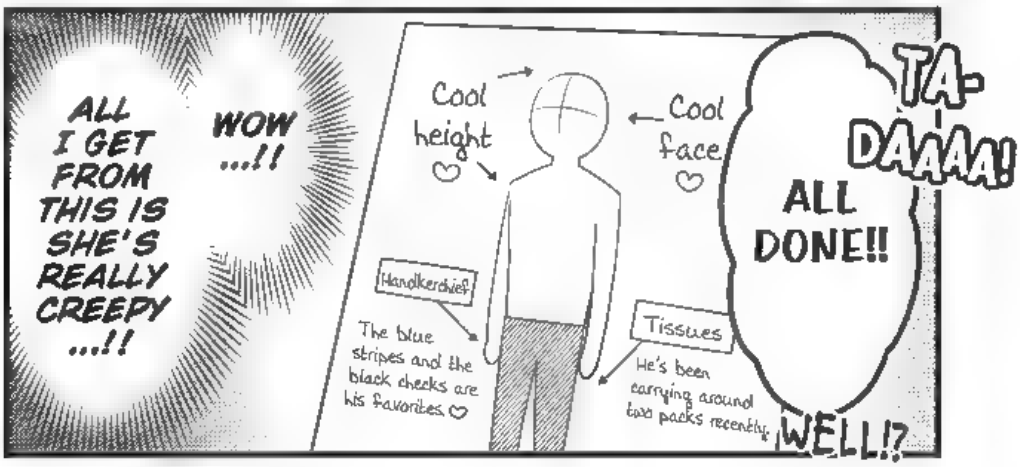
[FIFTH ANNIVERSARY SURVEY — EXTRA STORY]

"MY SISTER'S IDOL"

I HAVE A BIG SISTER WHO'S IN HIGH SCHOOL.
MY NAME IS TOWA SAKURA. I'M A SECOND-YEAR STUDENT IN JUNIOR HIGH.

SHUT UP, ONEE-CHAN.
SO THEN, NOZAKI-KUN...
HE'S JUST SO COOL!
LATELY, SHE KEEPS TALKING ABOUT LOVE ALL THE TIME, AND IT'S REALLY BUGGING ME.

I GUESS ...
YOU'RE IN THE ART CLUB, AFTER ALL.
I DON'T HAVE ANY RIGHT NOW, SO WILL A DRAWING DO?
A PIC-TURE ...?
AT LEAST SHOW ME A PICTURE OR SOMETHING.
THAT'LL GIVE ME AN IDEA OF WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE.
BE-SIDES ...
...I DON'T EVEN KNOW THIS NOZAKI-SAN GUY.


ALL I GET FROM THIS IS SHE'S REALLY CREEPY ...!!
WOW ...!!
Cool height
Cool face
Handkerchief
The blue stripes and the black checks are his favorites.
Tissues
He's been carrying around two packs recently.
TA-DAAAA! ALL DONE!!
WELL!?

A SPECIAL SORT OF APPEAL

THEY'VE GOTTEN SO BIG...

KYAAA!
HMM?
...HE GAVE ME THE IDEA, SO I DECIDED TO STOP BY...
ROMAN HIGH'S PRETTY CLOSE TO THE TENNIS GOODS STORE, SO...
ANYWAY, IF YOU'RE CURIOUS, WHY DON'T YOU GO TAKE A LOOK SOMETIME?
...REALLY HOT ...!!!
THAT GUY'S ...
HE'S SURROUNDED BY GIRLS TOO. DEFINITELY A MODEL!!
HE'S REALLY COOL LOOKING. HE'S GOTTA BE A MODEL !!
YEAH, YEAH.
MAYBE HE'S NOZAKI-SAN, THE MODEL ...!?
I MEAN, YEAH!! HE'S A MODEL !!!
...WELL, HE IS A MODEL !!
HMM!? SKIRT !!?
AND EVEN HIS SKIRT ...

HYPERAWARE MODELS

THERE'S ANOTHER HOT GUY NOW ...!!!
!!!
THIS KID HAS SOME BUSINESS WITH NOZAKI...
OH.
HUH? WHAT'RE YOU DOING, KASHIMA?

...what's gonna happen to my eyes when Nozaki-san gets here...?
If these two are like this...
It's bright ...!! Too bright ...!!
What is with the average level of looks here ...?

I'M NOZAKI ...
WHAT'S UP?
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NOSO (PLOD)

HE'S REALLY EASY ON THE EYES !!!

UM... ACTUALLY, MY SISTER IS A BIG FAN OF YOURS, NOZAKI-SAN...
HUH?
IS THIS REALLY HIM...?
A JUNIOR HIGH KID?
?
DID YOU NEED ME FOR SOME-THING?

OH...!! I THINK HE'S THE REAL THING ...!!!
HEH-HEH-HEH... I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED...
I SEE ...
HOW DID SHE FIND ME OUT, I WONDER ...?

I'LL GIVE YOU AN AUTO-GRAPH.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!
TH—
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!
I'M NOT REALLY SUP-POSED TO DO THIS, BUT I'LL SHAKE YOUR HAND.

SAKIKO YUMENO
BUT HIS SIGNATURE'S REALLY LAME.
NOZAKI-SAN...
...SEEMS LIKE A NICE GUY...

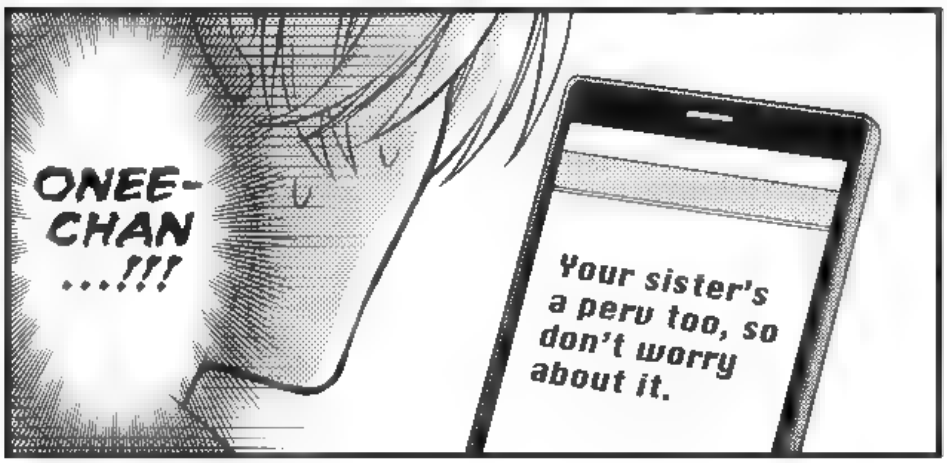
BUSINESS IMAGE

UP FOR A CHALLENGE!

Onee-chan
Nozaki-san is a peru.
I GOTTA TELL HER THIS...!!
ONEE-CHAN...
... NOZAKI-SAN IS A PERV ...!!

... WHA —!?
WHAT THE HELL!?
A PERV !!?
HUH?
IT'S MY BROTH-ER.
SO, ANY-WAY ...
...I'M PREDICTING NOZAKI-KUN'S DINNER TONIGHT WILL BE...
PIROROOOO (BRRRING)

WE'LL REPLY FOR YOU.
GIMME YOUR PHONE FOR A SEC.
AH HA HA HA!
HEH HEH HEH!
THAT'S SOOOO CUTE!
LIKE, SOMEONE'S GONNA TAKE HIS BIG SIS AWAY~?
OHH, MAYBE YOUR LITTLE BROTHER'S GETTING JEALOUS?


ONEE-CHAN ...!!!
Your sister's a peru too, so don't worry about it.

CONTAINER: WET WIPES

HEY, MODEL

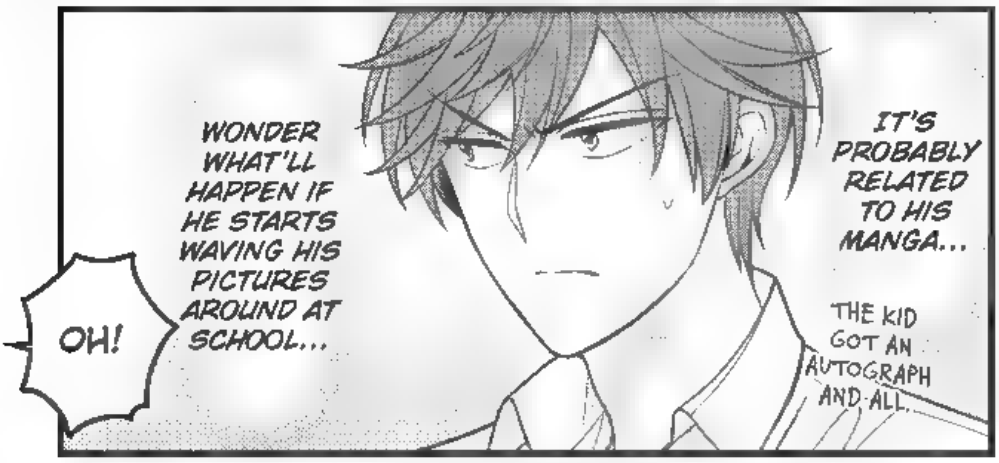
I KNOW! I HAVE A CAMERA WITH ME, SO CAN I TAKE A PIC?
...SURE.
AS LONG AS YOU DON'T POST IT ONLINE ...
OKAY !!!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

HE LOOKS PRETTY LAID-BACK AT FIRST GLANCE ...
...BUT MAYBE HE'LL BE REALLY AMAZING IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA ...
Okay, ready!?
SAY "CHEESE"!!

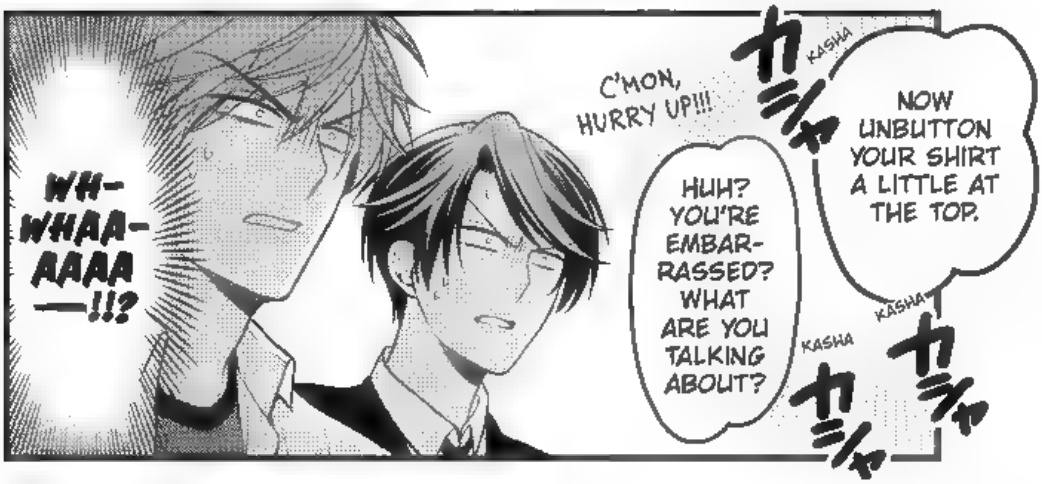
パシャッ
PASHA (FLASH)
HUH...!? WHAT'S WITH THE PEACE SIGN...!?
BUT HE'S A MODEL...!!

Play
AND HE CLOSED HIS EYES TOO...!!!
BUT HE'S A MODEL!!!

.....
IS IT THE BASKET-BALL?
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
THAT KID EARLIER SAID HE WAS ONE OF NOZAKI'S FANS...


OH!
WONDER WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF HE STARTS WAVING HIS PICTURES AROUND AT SCHOOL...
IT'S PROBABLY RELATED TO HIS MANGA...
THE KID GOT AN AUTOGRAPH AND ALL.

KASHA (SNAP)
カシャ
NO-ZAKI-SAN. LOOK OVER HERE!!
YEAH!! LIKE YOU'RE LOOK-ING DOWN ON ME!!!
OHH!!!
THAT'S GOOD! THAT ANGLE!!
KASHA
カシャ
KASHA
カシャ

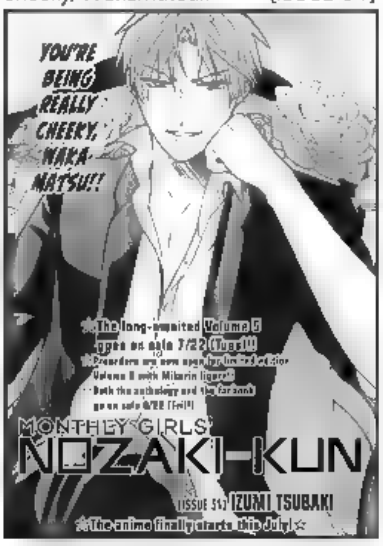

WH-WHAA-AAAA—!!?
C'MON, HURRY UP!!!
KASHA
カシャ
HUH? YOU'RE EMBAR-RASSED? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
NOW UNBUTTON YOUR SHIRT A LITTLE AT THE TOP.
KASHA
カシャ
KASHA
カシャ

ONEE-CHAN'S BEING ANNOYING AGAIN TODAY

MONTHLY GIRLS' NOZAKI-KUN 9 END

...I GO CHECK IN ON NOZAKI-SAN.
...WHEN-EVER I GO TO THE TENNIS STORE...
EVER SINCE THEN ...
...DON'T COM-PLETELY TRUST HIM, BUT...
THAT'S RIGHT... I STILL ...
HELLO ...
OH?
YOU'RE ...
WHOA!
I MADE SCONES TODAY.

You're being really cheeky, Wakamatsu!! [ISSUE 51]



MITSUYA MAENO'S HYPE LESSON!

HEY! THAT BELOVED FEATURE YOU WERE ALL WAITING FOR IS BACK! IT'S SKILLED EDITOR MITSUYA MAENO'S HYPE AND ENDLINE LESSON! HYPE IS THOSE CATCHPHRASE-LIKE LINES THAT GO ON THE TITLE PAGE OF THE CHAPTER WHEN IT RUNS IN THE MAGAZINE. THESE LINES ARE FULL OF THE EDITORS' THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS. WE HAVE ISSUES 51 THROUGH 66 FOR YOU TODAY! ENJOY!

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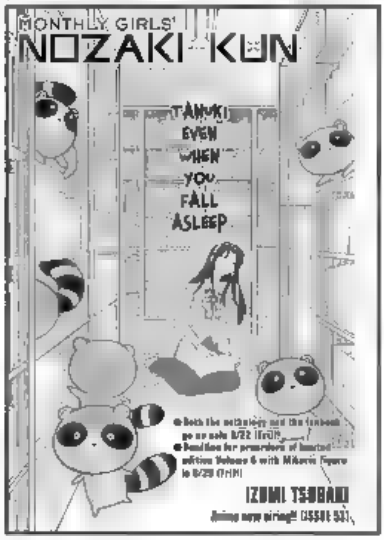
Tanuki even when you fall asleep [ISSUE 53]



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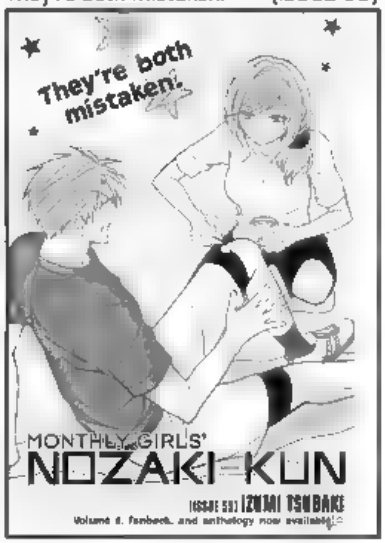
※ No hype [ISSUE 57]

They're both mistaken. [ISSUE 56]



Can't handle all these emotions [ISSUE 55]

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To be? Or not to be?
To cut? Or not to cut?

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↑ Check out
the whiteboard!

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※ No hype

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Cheers to adult appeal!

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Wakamatsu thinks
on his feet.

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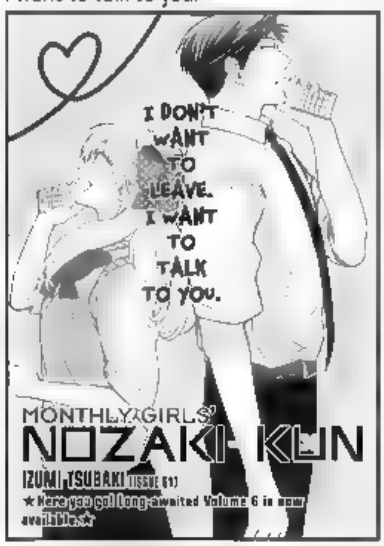
I don't want to leave.
I want to talk to you.



[ISSUE 65]
※ No hype

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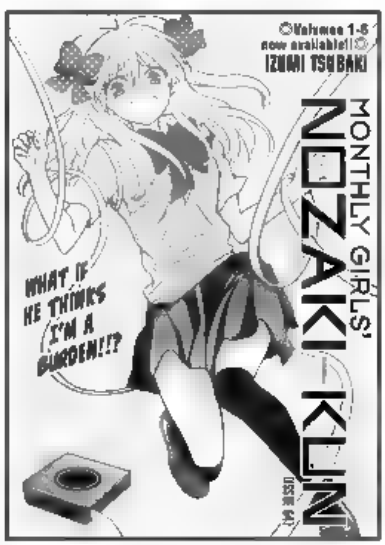
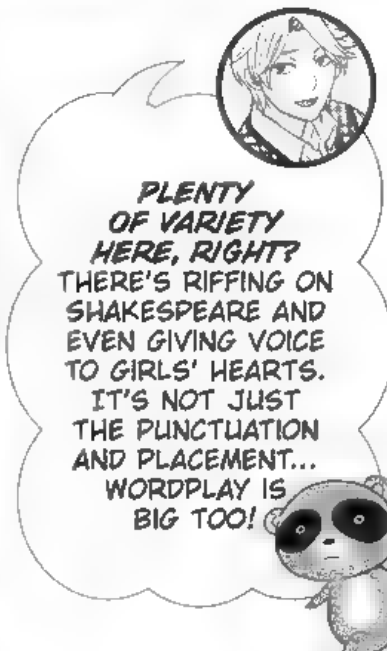
What if he thinks
I'm a burden!!?





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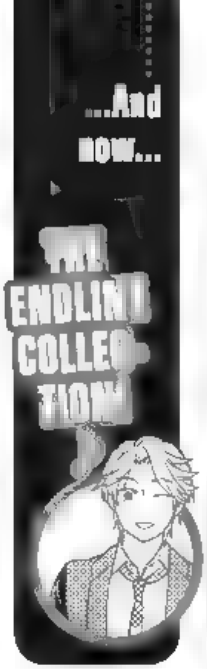
WAKAMATSU TRIES TO STRENGTHEN HIS RESOLVE.

KAIKE HIGH SCHOOL BOY PLAYS ARROGANT SHOUJO MANGA CHARACTER



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Wakamatsu rebels!?

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THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF MIYAKO-SAN'S CLASSMATE, RYOUSUKE

A 100% COMPLETE SMILE

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TRYING TO COME UP WITH A HORROR STORY

NOZAKI'S GREATEST FEAR

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NOZAKI'S VISIT HOME

THE WETTERING WENT LILO TOO.
(THE LETTERING WENT WILD TOO.)

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TESTS OF COURAGE AROUND THE SCHOOL

THE FOIL WAS THE DARK HORSE.

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DECIDING THE THEME OF THE SPECIAL ISSUE

THE POPULAR PART OF THE EASY WAY ■ THE STORIES ■ TALENT (AFTERWARD).

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THE FEMALE MANAGER OF THE BASKETBALL TEAM

THE FEMALE MANAGER PLAYS UP BEING A GOOD COOK.

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MAMIKO'S TEXT FRIEND, MAYU-MAYU

MAYU-MAYU BECAME AN ADULT FROM A SINGLE NIGHT'S EXPERIENCE.

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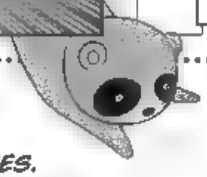
YUZUKI PRETENDS TO BE MIKOSHIBA'S GIRLFRIEND.

SHE'S ACTUALLY A CRUEL MERMAID ■■■■ESS.



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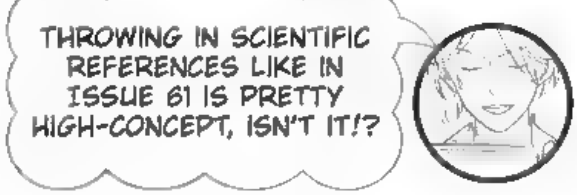
LET'S GET NEW CELL PHONES.

THE GALAPAGOS THEORY OF CELL PHONE HOLDING



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KASHIMA DOESN'T UNDERSTAND UNREQUITED LOVE.

TIME BOMB OF A STATEMENT

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THE GREAT PIGGYBACK AND PRINCESS-HOLD ADVENTURE

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THE MODELS FOR OZE AND WAKA ARE...!?

A WORD FROM SENPAI

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LET'S ASK KOKKURI-SAN.

KOKKURI-SAN

[ISSUE 64]

MIKOSHIBA & CHIYO GO ON A DIET.

IF YOU SPOIL THEM, THEY GET REBELLIOUS.

I HATE TO LEAVE YOU, BUT THAT'S IT FOR THIS TIME!

ENDLINES ARE THOSE LAST PHRASES THAT GET PUT ON THE LAST PAGE OF A CHAPTER. THEY CAN MAKE A GOOD JOKE, OR THEY CAN HIT YOU RIGHT IN THE FEELS. SO, WHAT DID YOU THINK? I THINK WE SHOULD ADD SOME MORE TANUKI TO MAKE THIS EVEN MORE FUN. THAT'LL MAKE IT CUTER!

SEE? I'M ALWAYS BRIMMING WITH IDEAS JUST LIKE THAT, SO I'LL BE BACK WITH THIS FEATURE AGAIN SOMEDAY. JUST YOU WAIT!★

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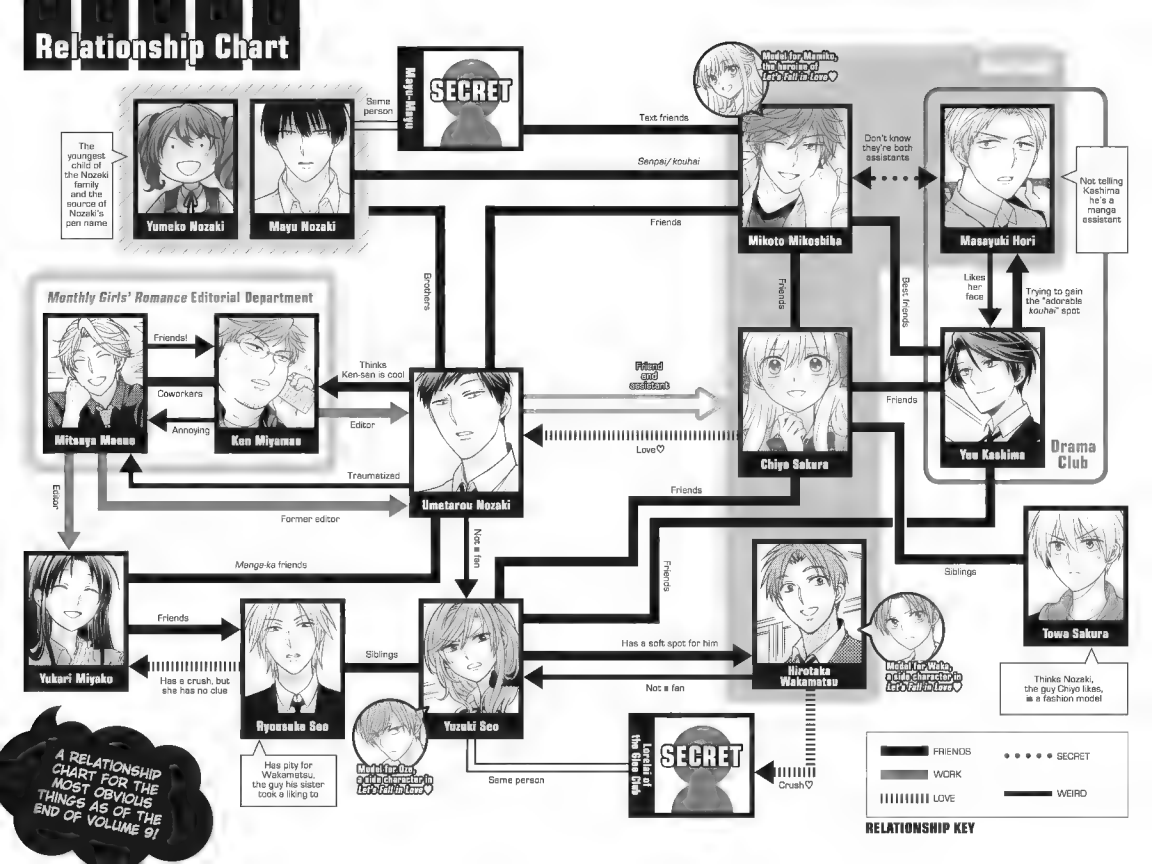
HOW TO DEAL WITH SEO-SENPAI

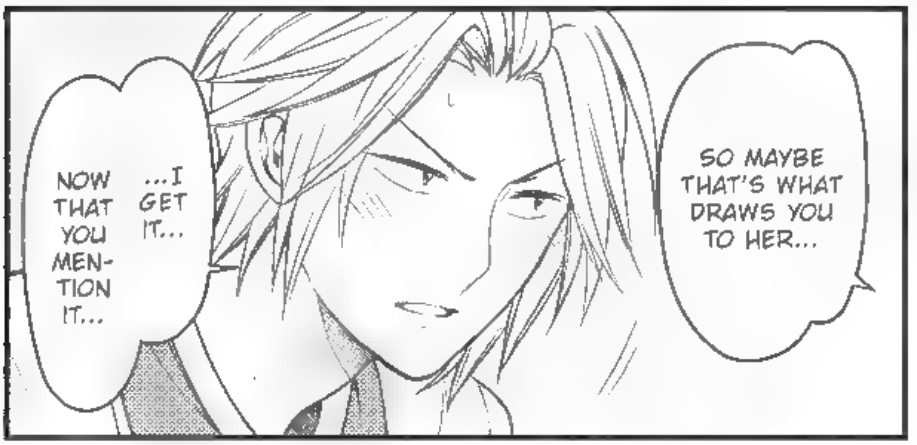
KITTY

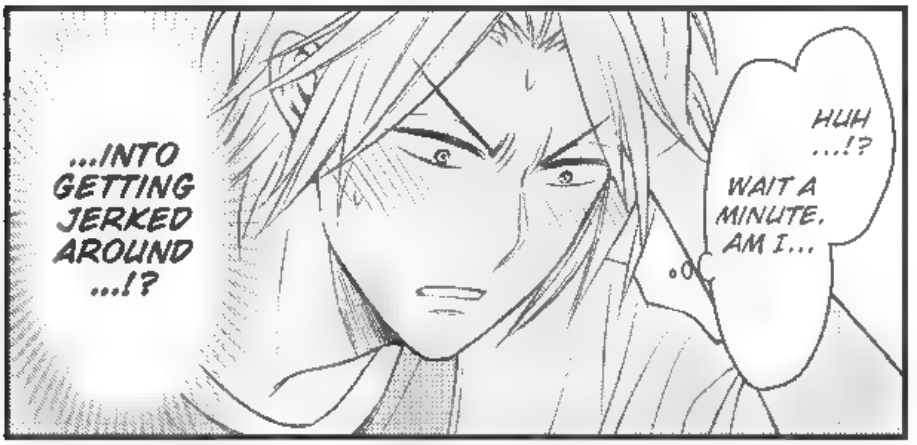
Relationship Chart



RUNNING LOW ON CONDITIONER TOO

A TASTE HE JUST REALIZED HE HAS





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[ISSUE 88]

...I'VE GOTTEN THE FEELING SOMEONE'S WATCHING ME.
SO, ANYWAY...
LATELY...

S—
SAKURA-SENPAI!!?
BIKU (JUMP)
...WHAT ARE YOU DOING, WAKAMATSU-KUN?

WOW...!
YOU'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO, GRASSHOPPER!
HMHM.
'COS I'M A SENPAI!
HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS WATCHING?

SENPAI, WHAT SORT OF THINGS HAVE YOU DONE IN THE PAST?
BI (FWIP)
And as your senpai, I recommend the little nook over there!
YOU CAN TAKE YOUR TIME WATCHING WITHOUT DRAWING ATTENTION!

AND I WANTED TO THANK HER FOR THAT...
HEY, NOZAKI! WAKA'S NOT WAKING UP!
UMMM...
THE TRUTH IS, SEO-SENPAI FOUND ME WHEN I KEELED OVER IN THE HALLWAY BEFORE.

I WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT IF THERE WAS ANYTHING SHE WANTED.
WELL, UH...
HUH!?
SO YOU WERE WATCH-ING HER!?
WHAAA-?
YOU'RE SO SERIOUS!

DOKI DOKI
DON'T TELL ME! HE LIKES YUZUKI ...!?
BUT THAT'S ALMOST LIKE HE'S TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO GIVE THE GIRL HE LIKES...
...DID YOU DECIDE ON WHAT TO GIVE HER...?
SO...
DOKI DOKI
DOKI

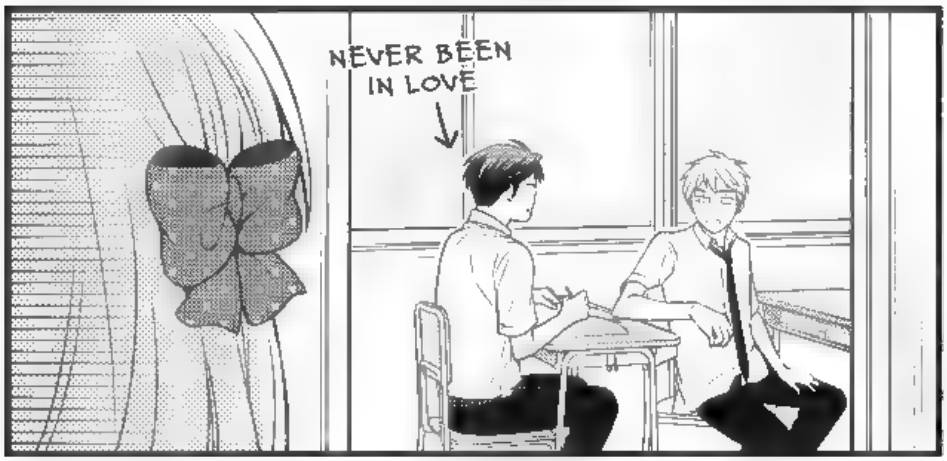
HER STOMACH WAS RUMBLING EARLIER...
...SO I'M GOING WITH MEAT!
YEAH ...
WHA —!?
THAT'S ...
WAGYU, TO BE PRECISE !!

STOP IT!!
WHA—!?
I DON'T LIKE HER ONE BIT!!
WAKA-MATSU-KUN, YOU REALLY LIKE YUZUKI, DON'T YOU?
MAYBE HE'LL BLUSH!
I THINK I'LL TEASE HIM A LITTLE ANYWAY.
OH, SO IT'S NOT LOVE AFTER ALL.

I'VE NEVER MET HER, THOUGH.
LORELAI-SAN, FROM THE GLEE CLUB...
BESIDES... THERE'S SOMEONE I ACTUALLY DO LIKE.

...SO...
I... LOVE HER.
SHE'S MY GOD-DESS.
JUST HEARING HER SING PUTS ME AT EASE. IT WARMS MY HEART.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SENPAI!!?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE BURNING UP!!
KAAAAAAA (BLUSH)
カァァァ
...I REALLY DON'T LIKE SEO-SENPAI...



SOMEONE SHE CAN DEPEND ON

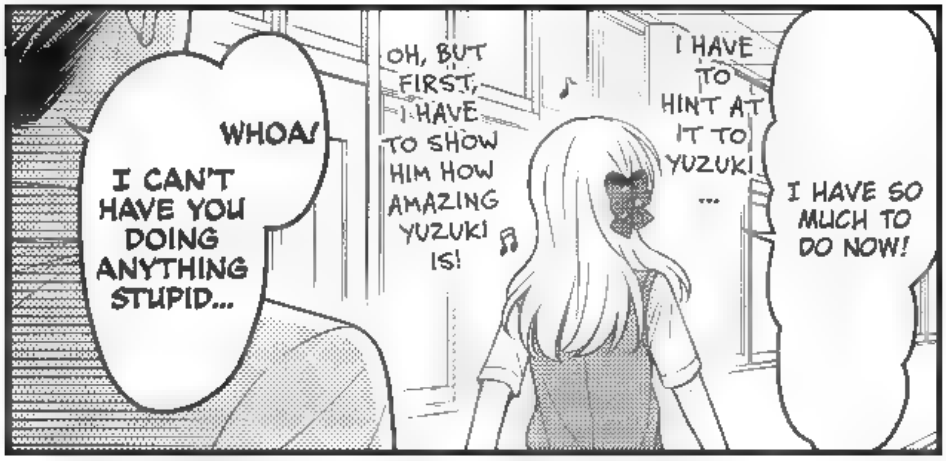
SHE GAVE UP ASKING FOR HELP.
SO, ANYWAY, WAKAMATSU-KUN...
...DON'T YOU WANT TO HAVE HER RETURN YOUR FEELINGS?
LORELAI-SAN, I MEAN.
WHA—!?
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, SAKURA-SENPAI!!?

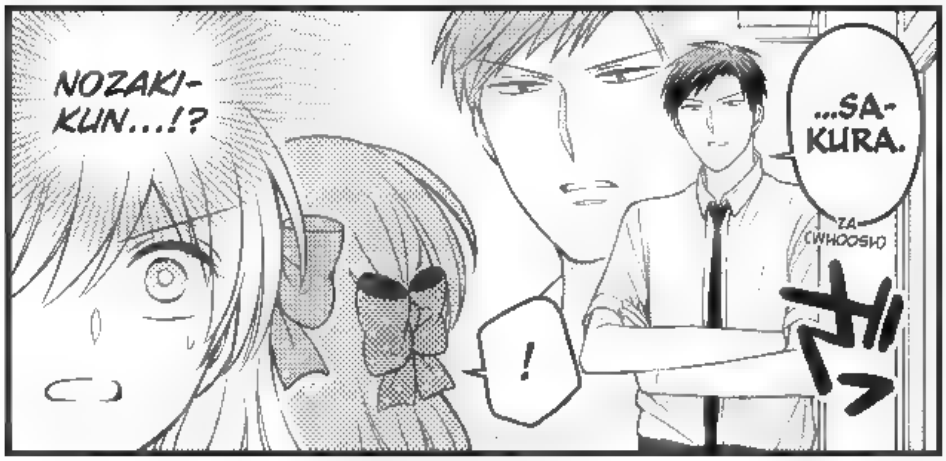
WELL...
...I GUESS I WOULD BE PRETTY HAPPY IF I TOLD HER HOW I FEEL AND WE STARTED GOING OUT...
WAKAMATSU-KUN, YOU'RE ADORABLE!!

I'D LIKE TO GO PICK HER UP IN THE MORNINGS...
...AND WAIT FOR HER TO GET DONE WITH HER AFTER-SCHOOL STUFF...
WAKAMATSU-KUN, YOU'RE SO PURE!!

AND EVEN IF THE CHILDHOOD FRIEND SHE PROMISED TO MARRY MOVED BACK TO TOWN...
...I WOULDN'T GIVE UP.
EVEN IF SHE SUDDENLY GOT A STEP-BROTHER, I WOULD NEVER GIVE HER UP!!
WAKAMATSU-KUN, YOU READ WAY TOO MUCH MANGA!!!

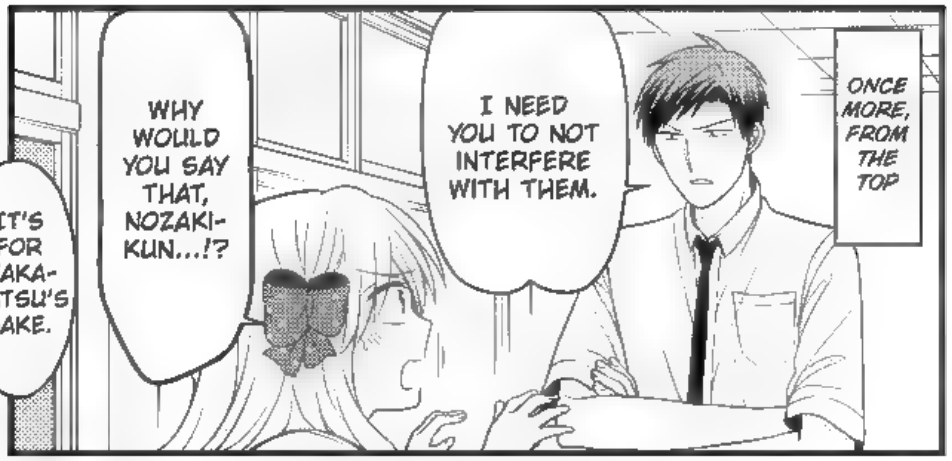
WE'LL CROSS THAT BRIDGE WHEN WE GET TO IT! WE HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO DEAL WITH FIRST!!
SORRY.
SHOUJO MANGA SPENDS MORE TIME TALKING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE DATING STARTS...
WHY WOULD YOU HAVE MORE PROBLEMS AFTER YOU STARTED DATING?
OHHHHH!
PACHI
PACHI (CLAP)
PACHI
THAT IS THE FIRST WALL WE MUST CLIMB!!
YES! THE CONFESSION!!
I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER HAD A FRIEND WHO'S ALSO HAD A CRUSH BEFORE...!!!
I WANNA GET SOME SWEETS!
I WANNA EAT SOMETHING HUGE!
I'D RATHER GO BUY MORE CLOTHES.
HUH? LOVE?
FRIENDS
OH WOW... THIS IS FUN ...!!!
BUT YOU'RE FORBIDDEN FROM GETTING IN A RELATIONSHIP FOR A WHILE, OKAY!!?
WHA—!?
SENPAI!!!
GASHI (GRAB)
WAKAMATSU-KUN!! LET'S DO OUR BEST!!


WHOA!
I CAN'T HAVE YOU DOING ANYTHING STUPID...
OH, BUT FIRST, I HAVE TO SHOW HIM HOW AMAZING YUZUKI IS!
I HAVE TO HINT AT IT TO YUZUKI ...
I HAVE SO MUCH TO DO NOW!


NOZAKI-KUN...!?
!
...SA-KURA.
ZA (WHOOSH)

N-NO WAY...!! I'M ABOUT TO...
AND I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO GO DO TOO.
YEAH.
YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING ALL THIS TIME...!?
WHA —!?
I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOUR EVERY MOVE LATELY.

SORRY!!!
YIKES, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
...G-GO TO THE BATH-ROOM...


ONCE MORE, FROM THE TOP
I NEED YOU TO NOT INTERFERE WITH THEM.
WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT, NOZAKI-KUN...!?
IT'S FOR WAKA-MATSU'S SAKE.

NO WAY ...
EVEN IF IT'S BUTTING IN, I WANT TO HELP THEM OUT...
I THINK THEY'D BE GOOD TOGETH-ER.

OH YEAH ...?
AH...
IF THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL, THEN I'LL HAVE TO STOP YOU WITH FORCE.
AS OF RIGHT NOW, YOU AND I ARE ENEMIES.
IT CAN'T BE...
NOZAKI-KUN'S GIVING ME A COLD STARE...

OH, AND YOU FORGOT YOUR HANDKER-CHIEF, SO USE THIS.
YOUR HANDS ARE DRIPPING WET.
HUH ...?
IT'S NOT THAT DIF-FERENT FROM USUAL ...

OH, UM...
IT'S ABOUT LORELAI-SAN.
SAKURA-SENPAI, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK TO ME ABOUT?
HE SAID HE WOULD STOP ME WITH FORCE. I WONDER WHAT HE'S GONNA DO...
GA (GRAB)
THE TRUTH IS, SHE'S ACTUA—
—LLY!
DO (THUD)
DO
LO—
LORE-LA—
GOO (SNOOM)
COME TO THE GLEE CLUB WITH—
—ME!
I MEAN, MY BATTLE!! THIS IS WAR!!!
WA/T!!!
THIS IS MY RE-WAR—
SENPAI... UM...IT'S OKAY...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUSH IT...

I BET NOZAKI'S STOPPING HER...
GOOD ONE.
WONDER WHY.
.....
...WHENEVER SAKURA-SENPAI STARTS TALKING ABOUT LORELAI-SAN, SHE JUST DISAPPEARS.
...SO...

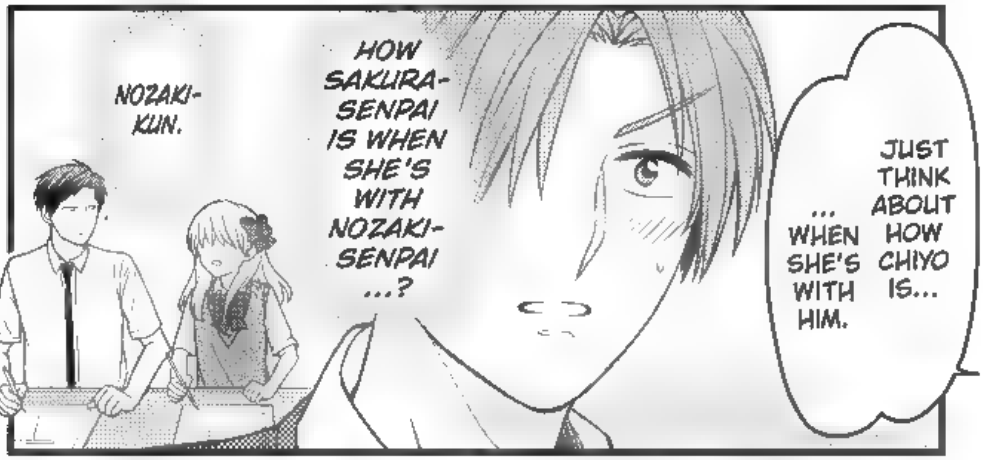
WHA—!?
YOU'D DO THAT!?
OHH?
WANT ME TO HEAR YOU OUT?
I REALLY THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO FINALLY HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK ALL ABOUT LORELAI-SAN...

OKAY, TALK UNTIL YOU'RE BLUE IN THE FACE, WAKA...!
...BUT HE'S GONNA BE COMPLIMENTING ME, SO I'LL DEFINITELY LEND HIM AN EAR.
LISTENING TO OTHER PEOPLE TALK ABOUT THEIR LOVE IS A HUGE BORE...

SHE GOT TIRED OF IT.
OH!
I WISH THEY'D FRY THEM A LITTLE CRISPIER!
It's like I'm riding on the crisp rhythm...
OHH!
THERE'S STILL SOME FRIES LEFT!
So, anyway, the lingering melody in my ears...
THIRTY MINUTES LATER

YOU'RE REALLY CLOSE TO HER, BUT YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE YOU KNEW THAT...
APPARENTLY, SAKURA-SENPAI LIKES SOMEONE!
OH, DID YOU KNOW?

COME ON. NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, IT'S GOTTA BE NOZAKI.
WHA—!!?
HUH?
IT'S NOZAKI, ISN'T IT?


NOZAKI-KUN.
HOW SAKURA-SENPAI IS WHEN SHE'S WITH NOZAKI-SENPAI ...?
... WHEN SHE'S WITH HIM.
JUST THINK ABOUT HOW CHIYO IS...

AND THERE ARE SEVEN FINGERS ON THIS HAND, BY THE WAY.
MAMIKO'S SKIRT IS DONE WITH TONE.
YOU MESSED UP THE BETA INSTRUCTIONS HERE.
S-SORRY.

UNDERSTANDING AND COMPROMISE

SAKURA-SENPAI'S FRIEND

NOZAKI-KUN AWARDS

SERIALIZATION 5 YEARS Anniversary

Commemorating five years of serialization!

14,838 total submissions

Here are the results of the survey!

To celebrate five years of serialization, we went straight to the *Nozaki-kun* fans with a five-question special survey. Here are the responses to that survey in digest form! Your answers are being included in the story!! Thank you very much to all the fans who helped out by replying to the survey.

※This survey ran from 4/8/16 through 9/28/16 in Japan. It has now ended.

Q1 What is your favorite episode from the beginning through Issue 79 and the extras?

1st Issue 40 — **1,062** votes
The summer festival in yukata

2nd Issue 32 — **656** votes
Playing *Secret Days*

3rd Issue 54 — **561** votes
Tests of courage around the school

4th Issue 8 — **519** votes
Helping out Tomoda

5th Issue 2 — **502** votes
Riding a tandem bicycle

6th Issue 42 — **494** votes
Kashima catches a cold and can't talk

7th Issue 21 — **487** votes
Mikoshiba practices for a group date

8th Issue 36 — **457** votes
Backgrounds are hard

9th Issue 31 — **457** votes
Coming up with surprises

10th First Issue — **451** votes
Chiyo Sakura confesses her love

Q2 It's a bit late now, but do you think Mikoto Mikoshiba needs a girl to be with?

1st Being alone is beautiful too — **6,680** votes

2nd He has Mayu! (for merch) — **4,556** votes

3rd I feel sorry for him, so give him someone... — **2,000** votes

4th He has the *tanuki*! (for merch) — **1,602** votes

Q3 It's a bit late now, but what do you think about time in the story?

1st **Treat it like *Sazae-san* and make it summer as many times as you want! Let's go to the pool every year!**
7,759 votes

2nd **I don't really care either way.**
5,105 votes

3rd **I think time should flow normally. It's about time Hori-senpai graduated, so Nozaki needs to find himself a new background assistant!**
1,974 votes

Q4 If there are any side characters you want to see named, please mention them.

1st **Miyako-san's friend who mistakes Nozaki-kun for her boyfriend**
(Volume 3, Issue 26, page 85)
727 votes

2nd
The art club member with the braids who wanted Mikoshiba to pose like he was begging
(Volume 2, Issue 19, page 122)
414 votes

3rd
Endou-kun and the girl who became a couple over the string telephone
(Volume 7, Issue 61, page 13)
248 votes

4th
The two guys from big bro Seo's workplace who got attached to Kashima
(Volume 8, Issue 73, page 34)
222 votes

5th
Chiyo's dark-haired friend who listened to how they met
(Volume 5, Issue 50, page 144)
202 votes

6th
The art club member who was shocked by the koi tote bag
(Volume 5, Issue 45, page 71)
170 votes

7th
The girl from another school who confessed her love to Mikoshiba
(Volume 6, Issue 58, page 107)
160 votes

Q5 If we do a story about one of the main characters' siblings for the fifth anniversary, whose siblings would you prefer?

1st **Chiyo Sakura (younger brother)**
4,621 votes

2nd **Masayuki Hori (younger brother)**
4,130 votes

3rd **Yuu Kashima (younger sister)**
3,605 votes

4th **Hirotaka Wakamatsu (younger brother and sister)**
2,482 votes

And now, on the next page, starts the extra story starring first placer, Chiyo's kid brother!